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PLO: U.S. bias blocks peace

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Faronk Kaddoumi, the head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Sunday that the continuing U.S. slant towards Israel blocks progress towards a Middle East settlement. "We are not in a state of war with the United States and we cannot deny its role as a superpower in peace efforts, but its slant towards Israel does not serve peace," haddowni told the Associated Press. He urged the new U.S. administration of President George Bush "to slant more towards peace, otherwise tension and conflict will continue." "We have not seen any substantial change in the U.S. president's policy towards the Middle East," Kaddoumi added. He cited as proof the first veto used by the new administration at the U.N. Security Council over the weekend to block approval of a resolution criticising Israel's often brutal practices to quell the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The United States was the only one of the 15 council members to veto the resolution, using the power enjoyed by the five permanent members of the

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HM King Hussein

King voices profound thanks for popular support of ACC AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty

King Hussein has voiced his deep appreciation and thanks for the Jordanian people for the very warm welcome they extended to him upon his return from Baghdad after the founding meeting of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) Thursday and their overwhelming support for the new economic alliance, which groups Jordan with Egypt, Iraq and North

In a message to the country released Sunday and carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the King said he was overwhelmed with joy and delight over the extremely warm wel-

come accorded to him upon his return from the Iraqi capital and was extremely happy that he had taken the significant and historic step that leads to pan-Arab unity.

"Words fail me to express my happiness and I am extremely thankful for your national feelings which were manifested in your warm greetings and rejoicing," the King said. "Indeed, the manifestation of joy in Jordan over the historic event has further increased my conviction that this step, and other that will follow. are in your national interests, serving the future generations. not only in Jordan but also

throughout the Arab World at large."
"The great display of rejoic-

ing reflects your response and genuine feelings over the importance of the great step taken in Baghdad," the King said. "The proclamation of the Arab Cooperation Council is the first step towards achieving further Arab strength and unity, and it. represents a fresh move towards building the future on solid and sound foundation, characterised by cooperation and mutual confidence."

"My confidence and belief in my nation and the Jordanian family, which is totally committed to the Arab Nation and its objectives, continue to motivate my actions and continue to prompt me to sacrifice my life in your service," the King said. "It emanates from our faith in and adherence to the noble principles and objectives of the Great Arab Revolt.

"Your happiness was shared by the people of Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen and was echoed around the Arab World, reflecting your confidence in your nation and its objectives, cultural potential and ability to attain the aspired

"I am confident that the Baghdad proclamation was the fulfilment of Arab unity and "The experience of the Gulf keenness to safeguard the Arab Cooperation Council (GCC) identity, and I am also confihas proved that Arab alliances dent that this step will be folserve the objectives of the Arab lowed by others building on it League and that they lead to and will be crowned with sucachieving Arab solidarity," cess," the King concluded. Petra quoted Sultan Qaboos as Meanwhile, messages of consaying.

gratulations continued to arrive at the Royal Palace over the founding of the ACC. Among those sending the cables were Jordanian, Arab as well as foreign leaders and notables.

Petra reported from the Omani capital of Muscat that Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd voiced support for the ACC as well as the Arab Maghreb Union, which was proclaimed Friday.

tions, journalism and political

Arab Labour Organisation (Al.O) Director-General Al Sayyedi Hashimi Al Banani said the ACC was a "new strength to the whole Arab Nation and heralds a bright

At a press conference beld in Baghdad, Banani said the return of Egypt to the ALO after a 10-year suspension was imminent. The next ALO meeting is scheduled to be held in Rabat, Morocco, in March.

Iraqi Women's Federation

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100 to the Sc. Syrian President Hafez Al Assad Sunday confers with Prime Minis-And Seguet ter Zaid Rifai in Damascus (Petra photo)

Rifai delivers King's message to Assad

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime the region. Rifai and Zou'bi had .:1: 1: Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday paid a . 1455 _ brief working visit to Damascus during which he met with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and delivered him a message from His

lunch with President Assad. Rifai returned home later Sunday. He was received upon arriv-

al by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan _ Majesty King Hussein. Hindawi, and a number of adinet ministers. Ki attended by Syrian Premier off from Damascus by Zou'bi, a Mahmoud Al Zou'bi, Assad and number of Syrian cabinet minisnumber of Syrian cabinet minis-Rifai reviewed the Arab situation ters and the Jordanian ambassaand the latest developments in dor to Svria.

message, presents Soviet views

King underlines big power role in effort for Mideast peace

By P.V. Vivekanand with agency dispatches

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday met with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and emphasised the role that the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council could play in efforts for peace in the Middle East.

ra, said Shevardnadze, who arrived here earlier from Syria, delisaid. vered a message from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to the King. The message dealt with "the most important develop-

The Jordan News Agency, Petments, among which the Middle

Shevardnadze also conveyed greetings from the Soviet president to the King, Petra said. The Soviet leader praised the role

played by the King in settling international issues, the Middle East conflict in particular, the

agency said.

The King explained to She-vardnadze "Jordan's stand vis-avis the Middle East conflict in general and the Palestinian problem in particular," and emphasised "the role that can be played by the five permanent member states of the U.N. Security Council in efforts to achieve a just and permanent peace in the Middle al conference under the auspices of the U.N.

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In Amman, the Unionist

Democratic Group of Jordan

congratulated the King and

pledged allegiance to the

monarch. The group praised

the royal amnesty announced Saturday for administrative de-

tainees and convicts who have

served half their terms. The

group said they were looking

forward to King Hussein's

efforts to unite Arab ranks and

His Majesty King Hussein Sunday confers with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in a

meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crown

Crown Prince: Youth sector represents real development

Sunday stressed the role of the tion." youth and the responsibilities they shoulder for finding solutions to existing problems.

Prince Hassan said statistics say that 55 per cent of Jordan's population is below 15 years of age and that one third of the Kingdom's population is students. Therefore, the Crown Prince said, any approach to dialogue with the youth is based on the conviction that the youth sector represents real and effective

development. In a lecture he delivered at the Farah Rehabilitation Centre on the problems and values of youth, Prince Hassan recalled His Majesty King Hussein's famous "The youth are the

three-day general strike. Eight

troops, news reports said.

Highness Crown Prince Hassan are the beating heart of the na- founding of the Arab Coopera-

Prince Hassan pointed out that the number of students enrolled at universities in the age group 18 to 24 was 37 per cent — a rate which is the highest in the Arab region. He said "our students are still studying disciplines that are not needed in the labour market, neither in Jordan nor in the Arab region. He outlined the new trend in Jordanian universities to reconsider specialisations, which have reached 50, though some of which neither meet the community's development needs nor requirements of the local and regional markets at a time when the

region is witnessing new historical

Palestinians begin 3-day

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal dearest asset of the country and economic integration such as the tion Council.

Jordan seeks to upgrade the level of the educational output, achieve conformity with the labour market and interaction with the world scientific and cultural developments. This, he added, requires comprehensive changes in the field of training teachers and development of curricula, improving school buildings and reassessment of the educational and examination systems.

Prince Hassan also said some 25.000 community college graduates would receive proper training and that 300 teachers had already started training, within developments aimed at achieving the framework of a pilot project.

UNESCO launches Arab literacy drive in Amman

Hindawi, Mayor sign memo of understanding

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The first regional programme for the universalisation and renewal of primary 2ducation and the eradication of illiteracy in the Arab World by the year 2000 was launched Sunday morning by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO) director-general Frederico Mayor, who said that the six-year programme would not stand a chance if the political will

supporting its implementation was absent "Even if (a country) has the best of programmes, without the political will nothing will be done," Mayor told a press conference held Sunday morning at the UNESCO building in Amman. Mayor referred to Arab experts' conclusions which asserted that the political will was crucial in realising the objectives of the programme since, to date, "the issue of eradication of illiteracy has not taken its important place in

illiterates form a serious weak point in the Arab body and in all economic, social and political aspects of life."

The number of illiterates in the Arab World presently make up 68 million of the 870 million illiterates worldwide, of which 60 million are adults, and eight million schoolchildren have no access to schools. In addition, this number means

that over half — 56 per cent — of the population in the Arab states are illiterate, of which 70 per cent are females Although Mayor did not give any figures for the illiteracy rate

in Jordan, he said that during his two-day stay in the country, he found the urban primary and secondary school levels satisfactory. "Efforts must be concentrated in the rural and dispersed areas," he said. The target areas in Jordan will

be rural regions, women and handicapped individuals, he

Higher education institutions the scale of priorities, even in Jordan, Mayor noted, "are of

though the massive number of quality, and measures must be taken to reduce the number of students of study abroad."

Two delegates are based in the occupied territories to report to the executive board of UNESCO in spring on the conditions of the educational systems and the cultural heritage, in particular the Islamic heritage, in Palestine.

A special fund has opened to provide resources for practical action to protect the Palestinian heritage and archaeological "treasures" in Jerusalem and throughout the occupied territor-

ies, Mayor said. Mayor said that the educational authority rests with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees, which has designated 16 professions to implement educational programmes in the occu-

pied territories. To further help the Arab World in expressing their views and in boasting their culture. UNESCO provides training in different fields of communica-

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Dennty Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi (right) and UNESCO Director-General Frederico Mayor Sunday sign an agreement between Jordan and UNESCO on cooperation in various fields (Petra photo)

Israelis expel two **Palestinians to Jordan**

AMMAN (R) - The Israeli occupation authorities have expelled to Jordan a Palestinian brother and sister who have lived nearly all their lives in the occupied West Bank. Saleh Othman Abdullah, 22, and his sister Haifa, 19, say they

committed no crime, have not taken part in the 14-month-long Palestinian uprising and applied for Israeli-issued identity cards before their expulsion. Their case has been taken up in Israel by attorney Felicia Langer

who said she had been told by the military prosecutor in the West Bank that they would be allowed to return. "I am doing everything to get them back here... they were not

given any chance to defend themselves, to say they were here for 20 years, that they have no place to go or that they studied here in school," she told Reuters. Langer said Saleh and Haifa had been given no reason for their

Israeli troops last week drove them to the King Hussein Bridge

and put them on a bus to the East Bank. Abdullah, a shop assistant, told reporters in Amman soldiers had taken them from the office of the Israeli military governor of Nablus, where they had gone to collect the identity documents they

had twice applied for. "When we got to the bridge my sister started crying and fainted. So the soldiers said 'if the Jordanians will not let you in, we will let you return'," Abdullah said.

"When we reached the Jordanian side, we told the border guards we wanted to go back, so they let us. The Israelis made us sit for one hour at their checkpoint before sending us back... and closing the gates,"\he said.

Abdullah said he and his sister had lived with grandparents and an aunt in the West Bank refugee camp of 'Ain Aima since 1969 The only documents they have are their Jordanian birth certificates and school certificates from the U.N. Relief and Works

Agency (UNRWA) in the West Bank.

ammad Al Adwan, head of the Interior Ministry's control and inspection department, said he had asked the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to take up the case. "It's the first time in the three years I've worked here that this kind of expulsion has taken place," he said.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Masked protesters carrying (Agencies) — Palestinians shut nationalist pictures blocked trafdown businesses and stayed home fic on the main Bethlehem-Hebfrom work throughout the occuron road, burning tyres and hurlpied territories as the start of a

Palestinians were wounded or iniured in clashes with Israeli Residents closed their shops and halted public transport in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab Jerusalem on the first day of the observed. three-day strike, called by under-Soldiers clamped curfews on

Israeli cabinet feuds over

meetings with Palestinians

ing bottles, witnesses said. The strike, called to press de-

strike; 8 injured in clashes

mands for independent Palestinian statehood, is the longest work stoppage ordered by the underground leaders since the uprising began 14 months ago. News reports said it was fully

three neighbourhoods and refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, confining at least 45,000 Palestinians to their homes, in an effort to prevent violent outbreaks.

shut with barrels and cement to prevent stoning attacks, reports

Despite the measures, sporadic protests erupted in at least three areas in Gaza and the West Bank. in which troops were stoned and responded with gunfire, the reports said. Among those reported wound-

ed was a 14-year-old shot in the abdomen and a 12-year-old hit in the leg, both in the Gaza Strip. A 25-year-old from Deir Al Balah refugee camp in Gaza was hospitalised with wounds after being beaten by troops Saturday, an official at Ahli hospital in Thirteen alleys in the Khan Gaza said.

Lebanese clerics head for Kuwait as fighters dig in

SEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanon's Muslim and Christian religious eaders flew to Kuwait Sunday for alks with an Arab I with all rules League comebanese civil war.
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ponums of five of the six lajor religious sects of Lebanon if about The pontiffs of five of the six the aboard a special Kuwait Airays flight.

The five are: Maronite Cathoc Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir: ireek Catholic Patriarch Maxnos Hakim; Sunni Muslim rand Mufti Sheikh Hassan haled; the acting chairman of te Supreme Shi'ite Council, heikh Mohammad Mehdi Shamddin, and the supreme religious idge of the Druze community, beikh Mursel Nasz.

The Greek Orthodox Patriarch Antioch Ignatius Hazim, the

spiritual leader of an estimated 300,000 Lebanese, was scheduled to fly to Kuwait later from

Damascus, where he resides. "In the name of Jesus Christ's teachings. I plead with you to exert self-control and avert renewed war because then Lebanon will not be resurrected." told a

Sunday church service. "Brothers should not kill each other. Bloodletting should be

spared. The strife should end." But, as he spoke, the two sides in battles which raged through the streets of east Beirut last week were seen reinforcing their

Militiamen from the Lebanese Forces (LF) dug trenches. erected checkpoints and sandbagged strongpoints. Mainly-Christian units of the regular army

remained on full alert behind artillery and tanks. The patriarch mediated a truce

Friday between General Michel Aoun, commander of 15,000 regular soldiers, and Samir Geagea, head of the 12,000-strong LF militia

Police said 76 people were kil-led and 200 wounded during two days of fierce fighting between Aoun's regular soldiers and the 6,000 irregulars of the LF. "I wish you will not use my absence to fight again," said

The Kuwait talks are the second stage of an effort by a seven-man Arab League committee charged with seeking a settlement of the political crisis that has left Lebanon without a president for the past 147 days.

ground leaders of the 14-month Palestinian uprising. A spokesman confirmed that border police shot a Palestinian who attacked a policeman in Jenin, but had no other reports.

ministers clashed Sunday over a series of meetings last week between politicians and Faisal Al Husseini, a prominent supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Ministers from the rightist Likud party and hawkish members of the centre-left Labour Party criticised the secret talks, but some Labour ministers said Israel had to talk peace to Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

"Right now we don't have any other possible partner," Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev told Reuters. "Jordan has disengaged, the PLO is out of the question... so we are left with the people who live in the area,"

But Transport Minister Moshe

not speak to Palestinians who openly identified with the PLO. Israel sees Husseini as the senior rorism. PLO figure in the West Bank.

"I am against it. He (Husseini) represents the PLO and their purpose is a Palestinian state, which for us would be a big disaster. Local Palestinians are one thing but not if the PLO is their authority," Katsav said. He told Reuters after the

cabinet meeting that most ministers had opposed the meetings. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, quoted by participants, said there was a "strange rush" to meet Husseini for talks which he

said did more harm than good. The controversy highlighted divisions over how Israel should respond to the new strategy of

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli cabinet Katsav of Likud said Israel could PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who said in December he recognised Israel and renounced ter-

> Several ministers urged Shamir to formulate a peace plan before Foreign Minister Moshe Arens left to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Cairo later this week.

Shamir has promised to unveil peace proposals when he visits Washington in early April.

Two senior aides to Labour's vice-premier Shimon Peres, and parliamentarians from Labour and left-wing opposition parties, met Husseini and other pro-PLO Palestinians last week.

The Palestinians included journalist Sam'an Khouri, who was jailed Saturday for six months without trial (see page 2),

Najibullah tightens grip

KABUL (Agencies) - President Najibullah, tightening his grip on the Kabul government, will head a supreme military council to coordinate Afghanistan's war against Western-backed rebels, Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil said Sunday.

Najibullah earlier imposed a state of emergency and sacked a quarter of his cabinet, just three days after the Soviet Union withdrew its last troops from Afgha-

The Soviet pullout after nine years left his government's forces to fight Mujahedeen rebels alone. A decree signed by the 43-yearold Afghan president Saturday said the country's national sovereignty, political independ-ence and territorial integrity were under threat.

Wakil said the council would coordinate military, economic and political activities and would

take over in the next few days. He said in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) this was not a move towards military rule because the civilian council of ministers (cabinet) would continue to func-

Earlier, Foreign Ministry offi-

cials said seven central committee members of Najibullah's ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) were brought in to replace non-party

"We wanted to send a signal to the counter-revolutionaries who think that the party is finished," a senior party member com-mented. "We are more united, more determined, and stronger

The reshuffle was carried out Saturday afternoon shortly before the announcement on the state broadcasting network of a

state of emergency. Wakil said the proposed "supreme military council for the defence of the homeland" would contain both PDPA members and non-members.

He told the BBC that the state of emergency decreed by Najibullah from Sunday morning was a precautionary measure to counter

sabotage by the guerrillas and neighbouring Pakistan.

Meanwhile, after nearly two weeks of political manoeuvring, Iran-based Afghan rebels have returned to Iran empty-handed without winning a role in shaping a proposed interim government for their country.

A spokesman said a delegation of the eight-party alliance of minority Shi'ite Muslims led by Mohammad Karim Khalili, left Saturday night after Pakistanbased comrades agreed in their absence to the nomination of a fundamentalist prime minister for the proposed government.

The Khalili spokesman said the Iran-based Mujahedeen fighters would not be bound by decisions of a Shura, or consultative council, which was to vote later Sunday on a cabinet list drawn up by the prime minister-designate, U.S.-trained engineer Ahmad

The Iran-based rebels, pressing for demands for greater representation, boycotted the Shura when it began Feb. 10.

explosives. Western diplomats have stressed the need for unity among feuding rebel groups to bolster

their struggle to dislodge Najibul-lah's government.

They said a broad-based interim government could increase the chances of a possible military coup against Najibullah and trigger more government defections to rebel ranks.

In a surprise development Saturday, Sibghatulla Mojaddidi announced with immediate effect his resignation as chairman of the Pakistan-based, seven-party alliance of majority Sunni Muslims in favour of fellow moderate Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi.

He said he had stepped down voluntarily to avoid a split in the alliance of four fundamentalist and three moderate parties. Mojaddidi, who supported the

Iran-based fighters, also boycot-ted some of the Shura sessions. In his interview with the BBC. Foreign Minister Wakil said that in the past few days government security forces had detained many agents belonging to the parties of rebel leaders Burhanuddin Rabbani and Gulbuddin,

Hekmatvar and seized a tonne of

Commenting on the sacking of the non-party ministers, he said.

their replacements from the central committee were more dependable.

He blamed some of the sacked ministers for contributing to the shortage of food and fuel in Kabul this winter, saying they had failed to bring in adequate supplies when the weather was warmer earlier in the year.

Wakil said new security measures would be introduced throughout Afghanistan in the next few days, including houseto-house searches for guerrilla arms caches.

The Afghan capital has remained calm after the imposition of the emergency, which brought more tanks, armoured personnel carriers and troops onto the streets than normal.

The government was mobilis-ing all PDPA members not already serving in the armed forces, a senior party official said. Photographers reported that several hundred party men were

brought into the city from outlying areas Sunday, armed with brand-new Kalashnikov assault

The civilians, mainly younger or older than the average soldier. were marshalled at Khair Khana

Business as usual... An open-air barber attends to a customer on a Kabul street

On the western edge of Kahul and. then dispatched to defence posi-

sion, suspends a series of consti-

Arafat: Israel, PLO hold

The emergency, which can last tutional rights including freedom for three months without exten- of expression, assembly and fore-

ign travel.

Fahd welcomes Soviet

LONDON (R) — Saudi Arabia expressed its satisfaction Sunday at the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, long a Saudi condition for resumption of diplomatic

pullout

ties with Moscow.
"The Custodian of the Holy Places (King Fahd) has followed with interest the stages of withdrawal and showed his satisfaction over its completion in the announced time," Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal was quoted as saying in Asharq Al Awsat newspaper.

The London-based newspaper reported him as saying the with-drawal, completed Feb. 15, had given the Afghan people the opportunity to choose the form of government they wanted and had brought freedom and independence to the country.

diplomatic relations in 1938 and now the kingdom is alone with Bahrain in not baving ties with the Soviet Union.

King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz

Saudi Arabia has been a staunch supporter of the rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul, supplying material and financial assistance. Prince Saud called on the

Afghan rebel parties to "seize the opportunity! to unite, leaving aside the campaigns of doubt Riyadh and Moscow broke off which certain quarters raise."

Uprising — 'door to peace'

SANAA (AP) - The 14-month- and Development in the Middle old uprising by the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation must be backed because it is "the door to peace in the Middle East," said World Peace Council (WPC) Chairman Romeesh Chandra at the opening of an international peace conference

The Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is the top item on the agenda of the three-day parley organised by the Helsinki-based council and the North Yemeni Council for Peace and Solidarity.

More than 60 participants were his country's recent joining with present for the forum which has been dubbed "The International Forum for Peace and Security

East and the Mediterranean." The participants are from the various WPC branches around the world.

Other topics to be debated at the parley include a nuclear-free Middle East and Mediterranean basin and regional development problems. North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, who

welcomed the delegates, stressed his country's efforts to contribute to world peace, security and sta-He placed within that context

Egypt, Iraq and Jordan in the

Arab Cooperation Council

Khaled Mohieddin, head of

Egypt's leftist party and chairman of its WPC, expressed strong backing for the recently born union among four Arab states saying it was "an excellent Arab

preserve peace and security in the

Chandra hailed the superpower summit and its ramifications for world peace, but he added 'peace doesn't depend on two superpowers and there must be a third chair - the third chair is for the people in the world." He called the Soviet pullout

from Afghanistan "an attempt to stabilise world peace." Satisfaction was voiced over the peace process going on in the alliance which he said was "born to Gulf and South Africa.

indirect talks on S. Lebanon another marshall plan in the area," he said, referring to re-NEW YORK (R) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation building post-war Europe. (PLO) is holding indirect talks Arafat said the idea would with Israel aimed at achieving a ceasefire in South Lebanon, PLO need the support of the United States, the Soviet Union, Europe Chairman Yasser Arafat was and Japan. quoted on U.S. television as The PLO chief also said he

He also proposed establishing a common market of Middle Eastem nations to guarantee a lasting

peace in the region. Arafat spoke in an interview with CBS News's "60 Minutes" to be broadcast Sunday. A transcript of the interview was issued

saying Saturday.

Saturday. Arafat said Israel had asked for truce in South Lebanon, from which resistance groups have tried to infiltrate Israel, and "it is serious talk."

He said the channels being used included PLO representatives in the occupied territories in Israel, European diplomats and diplomats at the United Nations, Arafat said Israel wanted the PLO to agree to the same terms

they had reached before Israel invaded Tebanon in 1981. "They are asking me to repeat the same truce," he said. They are asking for a truce,

ceasing fire, truce,"

Arafat had often said that he in contact with Israeli authorities,

Yasser Arafat

The PLO leader also proposed the Middle East, including Israel, Jordan and Lebanon.

but Israel has always denied it. plemented...joint ventures, gle within Iran.

would like to meet with Secretary of State James Baker to discuss Baker's warning that attacks on Israeli soldiers or civilians by Palestinians deeply troubled the Bush administration Arafat said he would like Baker to say the same thing to Israeli forces "who are occupying my

country and making daily aggression against our children, against our women, against our masses, against our children." Arafat also said the PLO would

punish Palestinian leader Ahmad Recent attempts to infiltrate Jibril if he was found responsible Israel from South Lebanon have for the bomb that destroyed Pan Damascus-based groups not under Arafat's direct control.

Israel, however, holds him re-"But it has to be proven," he

An Israeli official said Tuesday Western intelligence agencies had concluded the attack was carried establishing a common market in out by Jibril's group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, "You think that peace is only a with help from Lebanese from a paper? Peace has... to be im- faction involved in a power strug-

Lebanese goes on trial for Geneva hijacking

GENEVA (R) — A Lebanese goes on trial amidst tight security measures from Monday, on charges of hijacking an Air Afrique airliner to Geneva and killing a French passenger in July 1987.

Hussein Ali Mohammad Hariri, aged 23, will be tried before a Swiss federal criminal court in Lausanne. He faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The trial, set to last five days, was scheduled for last November but was postponed to allow psychiatrists to examine him further.

The Air Afrique DC-10, whose flight began in the Congolese capital Brazzaville, was en route to Paris from Rome with 148 passengers and 15 crew aboard when Hariri commandeered it and forced the crew to land at Geneva's Cointrin airport.

Hariri is accused of killing a French passenger, 28-year-old Xavier Beaulieu, with a semiautomatic pistol after covering his bead with a blanket.

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Hariri has been in a Geneva high security prison since he was overpowered at the airport by a Congolese steward, Jean-Pierre Elouma. Elouma was shot in the abdomen but survived, and is expected to testify at the trial. Hariri, who comes from a small

village in southern Lebanon, had demanded the release of two pro-Iranian extremists jailed in France and West Germany, according to Nabil Ramlawi, the Palestine Liberation Organisation representative in Geneva who acted as the main crisis

negotiator.
The two were Georges Ibrahim
Abdallah, serving a life term in France for killing an American and an Israeli diplomat in 1982, and Lebanese Mohammad Ali

Hamadi is on trial in Frankfurt on charges of hijacking a U.S. Trans World Airlines plane to Beirut in June 1985. A U.S. navy diver was shot dead and 39 people were held hostage for 17 days.

Two months ago Peter Winkler, a Swiss national working for the Red Cross, was kidnapped in Lebanon and Swiss authorities said the move was probably aimed at securing Hariri's re-

Winkler was freed a month later. Days afterwards the Red Cross pulled its staff out of Lebanon, followed shortly by Swiss embassy staff, citing serious threats to their safety. The Red Cross has since announced its decision to resume normal operations in Lebanon.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

British minehunters leave Gulf....

DUBAI (R) — Three British minehunters will return home in eight days after clearing mines from the sea lane opposite the United Arab Emirates, a British navy spokesman said Sunday. He said the three ships — Chiddingfold, Cottesmore and Berkeley — would leave Feb. 27 after riving 18 months ago to join Britain's Armilla squadron of warships in the southern Gulf. The Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Environment (ROPME) is due to meet in Kuwait that day to discuss the threat of mines in the Gulf. The eight-member group of Gulf littoral nations has been discussing ways to remove the mines sown during the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq. Minehunters from several European navies, most of which have now gone, had been clearing the southern part of the Gulf. The U.S. navy is still searching the section north of Bahrain. Most of the mines are near the coasts of Iran and Iraq and naval experts in the Gulf say there is little chance of clearing them properly unless Tehran and Baghdad pinpoint their positions. The British spokesman said the remaining threat to shipping near the United Arab Emirates would be if a rogue mine from the north slipped its moorings and drifted south.

Israel detains journalist

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli police Saturday arrested a Palestinian journalist who had recently held talks with Labour Party politicians. Police and lawyers said Sam'an Khouri, a journalist for Agence France Presse and an official in the Arab Journalists Association, was ordered detained without trial for six months. Khouri and other Palestinians who support the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) met Deputy Finance Minister Yossi Beilin and other members of the Labour Party last week for talks. The talks sparked a row between the Labour Party and the rightist Likud bloc which govern Israel in coalition. The office of Likud Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir insisted the talks would lead nowhere. Police sources said Khouri's detention had nothing to do with the meetings.

They said he was suspected of being an activist in the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). Khouri has been detained twice before without trial for a total of nearly five months since the Palestinian uprising began in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in December

Polisario threatens to resume war

RABAT (R) - Polisario guerrillas have threatened to resume their war with Morocco over the Western Sahara unless King Hassan meets them again within 10 days. In a statement telexed to Reuters Saturday night, Bachir Mustapha Sayed, a member of Polisario's executive committee, said: "There is no doubt that if by the end of February the dialogue remains interrupted and prospects of peace are stalled, the battles will resume." Polisario declared a ceasefire this month, saying it wished to smooth the way for formation of a Maghreb union. The union between Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania was proclaimed in Marrakesh last week. Sayed and other Polisario leaders held a first round of direct talks with King Hassan in early January. It was to be followed by a second session which the guerrilla movement says has been postponed indefinitely at Morocco's request. "The indefinite postponement of the meeting which was going to be decisive arouses suspicion, scepticism and uncertainty regarding peace prospects." Saved's statement said. Both sides have accepted a U.N. peace plan which proposes a referendum to settle the 13-year-old conflict over the thinly populated desert terri-

Iraq: Iran holds 213 non-Iraqis

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Sunday there were only 213 non-Iraqi Arab prisoners of war (PoWs) in Iran, denying reports that Tehran held several thousand Egyptians. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) rejected the figures given by an Egyptian diplomat in a Reuter report five days ago. The diplomat said Oman was trying to help free "several thousand" Egyptians captured by Iran during the eight-year long Gulf war. "Their total does not exceed 213," INA said.

Shevardnadze unveils part of Soviet plan for Mideast peace

sponsible for them.

DAMASCUS (AP) - The following are excerpts from a statement given Saturday by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during an official ban-quet offered by his Syrian counterpart Farouq Al Sharaa.

Shevardnadze's remarks in Russian were translated into Arabic by an official interpreter and into English by the Associated Press:

"This region now ranks third after the NATO and Warsaw Pact in terms of the concentration of weapons. But while those two alliances are already affected by a trend towards disarmament, we see in the Middle East something quite different - an escalation in the arms race.

"The saddest fact of all is that as it is now increasingly evident, new twists in the arms race spiral include even such weapons of mass destruction as nuclear arms and chemical weapons.

"Moving towards a safe future is only possible if methods of force are excluded from politics. The time has come to build bridges of mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence in this

"As realists, we understand that

this is a challenging task. Above all, it requires cutting the knot of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Movement towards peace in the Middle East is gaining momentum. "It is our profound conviction

that favourable prerequisites are now in place for movement towards convening an international conference to be attended by all parties concerned, including the settlement. Palestine Liberation Organisation and the five permanent the preparatory phase, limiting its members of the United Nations duration for six or nine months. Security Council.

"The time is approaching for all of us together to begin workforum. We envision three aspects of such preparations.

machinery of the U.N. Security Council. We are ready for a environment in the Arab World. consideration of this matter at a foreign ministers' level.

members of the council, who would act in contact with the parties directly involved in the

a preparatory body for the conference.

Third, as demonstrated by the experience already gained in de-fusing other regional conflicts. the peace-making potential of the U.N. and of its secretary-general could be engaged also in other mutually acceptable and flexible forms of constructive interaction among the parties involved in the "A deadline could be set for

"It is indisputable that an equitable settlement cannot be attained without unity among the ing seriously to prepare that Arab countries. We see that our Syrian friends care about the problem of strengthening inter-"First, setting in motion the Arab relations and are undertaking efforts to create a healthier

"We welcome the idea of holdspecial meeting of the council at a ing a meeting of representatives of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt "Second, intensifying consulta- and the PLO. It is also important tions among the five permanent to strengthen the link of Syrian-Palestinian interaction.

"Our prospects are clear, our goals have been identified."

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DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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Crown Prince to chair Ajloun development talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will chair a meeting to be held in Ajloun on Feb. 26 with local development councils, to discuss the district's development programme, according to an official announcement here Sunday.

It said that the meeting will be affiliated to the development council's meeting which was held in the Irbid region in the past

According to the announcement, the meeting in Ajloun will chart a programme for the private and public sectors to contribute to the development of the Ajloun district in the coming

Prince Hassan chaired development councils meetings in the north, south and central regions of Jordan to discuss various economic and social development



HRH Crown Prince Hassan

projects in these regions. There was a special meeting to discuss the development of the Badia region (desert lands) in Jordan which accounts for nearly 70 per cent of the total area of the Kingdom.

Dajani instructs governors to release all detainees

AMMAN (J.T.) — In accordance with a Royal Decree, Interior Minister Rajai Dajani Sunday issued instructions to governors to release all administrative detainees in the Kingdom's various governorates, Jordan News

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the release of all administrative detainees and all prisoners who have served more than half their respective sentences. The decree, the country, Petra said,

which was issued to mark last week's establishment of the fourmember Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), also reduced by half the sentences of those serving prison terms.

Those released Sunday ex-Agency, Petra, said.

His Majesty King Hussein
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Saturday issued a decree ordering gesture, asserting their loyalty and dedication to the Hashemite leadership and their intention to lead a normal life in the service of

Quadruplets, triplets born in Irbid

IRBID (Petra) - Two Jordanian women have given birth to a quadruplets and triplets at the military hospital in Irbid. The quadruplets — three girls and a boy with weight ranging between 1.440 kilogrammes and 1.99 kilogrammes — were placed in an incubator and were being fed intravenously. The triplets - all girls with weights ranging between three kilogrammes and three and a half kilogrammes — were doing well.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

EURO-ARAB CONFERENCE: A Euro-Arab conference on arbitration will be held in Amman this year under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, according to a report in Al Dustour daily. The report said that the conference, which will be organised by the Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions, will be attended by 300 personalities, all specialists in law and legal affairs pertaining to trade from Arab regional and foreign countries. Dr. Fathi Kamisheh from the Arab-European Chamber of Commerce is currently in Amman to prepare for the coming conference, according to the paper (J.T.).

DUDIN TO ATTEND ALO MEETING:The Council of Ministers Sunday formed Jordan's delegation to the 17th meeting of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) due to be held in Rabat, Morocco, on March 16. According to a statement following the council's meeting held under the chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi, the two-week conference will be attended by Labour Minister Marwan Dudin and a delegation representing the Ministry of Labour, the Jordanian labour unions and employers. (Petra)

3 SECONDARY SCHOOLS INAUGURATED: Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Hindawi Monday inaugurates three secondary schools in Salt, Allan and Mahes, constructed at a total cost of JD 1,311,046. The new school buildings in Balqa Governorate will replace the rented ones. (Petra)

MAFRAQ SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE: Mafraq Governor Fayez Al Abbadi Sunday reviewed the plan of action of Princess Basma Social Services Centre, with the centre's local committee. The centre's plan provides for holding training courses in the field of child-care and community development. (Petra)

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ An art exhibition by Paul and Emanuel Guiragoussian at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation.
- ☆ The Arab Contemporary Artists exhibition at Al Wasiti
- ☆ An exhibition of models of the Jordanian plastic art, in which 22 Jordanian artists are participating, at the Spanish Cultural ☆ An exhibition entitled "The Tuebingen Atlas of the Middle
- East" at the Department of Geography, the University of Jordan. ☆ A photography exhibition entitled "Under Pure Skies" exhibit-
- ing 100 19th century photographs of the Middle East at the Yarmouk University. ☆ An exhibition of paintings of Jordan by Luz Marina Robertson
- at the Petra Bank Gallery.
- ☆ An exhibition of Polish contemporary art at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ An exhibition of Islamic art and calligraphy by Jordanian artist Mohammad Mubaidin at the Housing Bank Gallery. ☆ An exhibition on Aila, an Islamic medieval city, port of
- Palestine and the storehouse of Hijaz on the China Sea, at the ☆ An exhibition of Arabic books which includes 15,000 books on
- science, education and culture at the Karak Community
- ☆ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist 'Adnan Yahya at Alia Art Gallery.

THEATRE

- ☆ Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet will be performed by the London Shakespeare Group at the Yarmouk University - 4:00 p.m. LECTURE
- ☆ A lecture entitled "The Bible and History: the Origins of State" by Jean-Michel de Tarragon at the French Cultural Centre —

☆ A Spanish film entitled "Requiem por un Campesino Espanol"
at the Spanish Cultural Centre — 10:30 a.m.

Queen Noor praises NMI efforts

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor praised Sunday the efforts of the National Medical Institution (NMI) for fulfilling its aims and reaching out to the different sectors of society in Jordan.

During a visit to the NMI, Queen Noor also expressed satisfaction with the extent of cooperation between the Ministry of Health and NMI, and called for an awareness campaign to be launched by the officials of both government departments on preserving cleanliness of the hospitals.

NMI Director Daoud Hanania briefed Queen Noor on the historical development of health care in Jordan, the mission of NMI, the organisational structure, the current scope of work, the master plan for the year 2000, as well as the main tasks performed to date. Dr. Hanania also discussed

the goals of the institution vis-

a-vis the present health needs

for up-grading health care ser-



HM Queen Noor

vices in the Kingdom. Queen Noor was assured that the health services of NMI hospitals are accessible to all sectors of society and that the hospitals provide for the needy

free of charge. On Oct. 16, 1987, the

National Medical Institution was created, consolidating the country's three government hospital systems — the Ministry of Health, Royal Medical Services and Jordan University Hospital - into one organisa-

The principal objectives of NMI are to provide quality secondary and tertiary care in a cost-efficient manner, by applying modern management chniques and by avoiding the duplication of services experienced by the previous system.

The central theme behind many of Queen Noor's projects in the Kingdom is primary health care for children and health awareness programmes

These projects include health communication for child survival programme, the Insti-tute for Child Health and Development, as well as ongoing plans to establish a national hospital for children.

Municipality to remove dilapidated buildings from downtown Amman

ZARQA (Petra) — Greater Am-man Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al buildings from the centre of the since then municipal services capital to make more room for have been on the increase as the Rawabdeh said Sunday Amman Municipality has worked out plans to remove dilapidated

Tarawneh

to inspect

make a tour of the southern

regions Tuesday to discuss the

supply situation there.

His tour will take him to

Karak, Tafileh, Ma'an and Aqaba districts where he will

meet officials and discuss means

of ensuring sufficient food, sup-

plies for these regions, according

The paper said the minister will

visit the supply department in the

south and inspect a supply com-

plex south of the port city of

Aqaba which is still under con-

to Sawt Al Shaab daily.

Mamdouh Abbadi

Jordan

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conference

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan is

taking part in the 25th conference

of the Arab Doctors Federation

which opens in Baghdad

President of the Jordanian

Medical Association (JMA), Dr.

Mamdouh Al Abbadi, will attend

the conference which is being

held under the title: coordination

and integration of medical ser-

The three-day conference will

review working papers and sub-

jects dealing with transplanting of

human organs among other high-

ly specialised topics, according to a report in Sawt Al Shaab daily.

It said that a seminar on drug

addiction and another on infant

mortality will be organised during

the conference.

vices for the Arab World.

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give further space for pedestrians "At the same time the municipality continues its endeavours to find new ways for disposing of garbage, which is growing in volume all the time, and ways to safeguard the environment within

vered here. In his lecture the mayor outlined Amman's history and its development and current programmes for expansion and the improvement of public services.

capital to make more room for have been on the increase as the the growing volume of traffic and people grew in number, thus requiring more attention, the mayor noted. He said that the continuous

efforts by the municipality teams

have made Amman one of the

cleanest capitals around the

the capital's boundaries." the "The municipality is going mayor said in a lecture he deliahead with plans to green the capital, create more public gardens in every district and is giving due care to protect the city from

pollution," the mayor said.

The director of education and heads of government agencies in The first municipality in Amman was established in 1909 and Zarqa were among the audience.

New batch of policemen get advanced training

SOUTH SHUNEH (Petra) -Two more batches of police officers with advanced training graduated Sunday from the Kafrein training centre in the Jordan Valley at a ceremony attended by Public Security Department (PSD) Director General Abdul AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Hadi Al Majali.
Supply Fayez Tarawach will Majali delive

Majali delivered a speech underlining the importance of the advanced training courses for all police officers since they provide new high-level skills.

"The new graduates are PSD's comprehensive security programme which is being im-plemented in the country," Maiali noted.

various types of arms and vehi-The graduates presented a performance of their skills as well as martial arts, mountain climbing

According to the commander of the PSD, Special Training De-

partment recruits take six courses

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mally by Badia and Border Police

Forces, as well as special training

to provide protection for leaders

and important personalities, in

addition to training in the use of

needed to help carry out the and sports activities at the gradution ceremony. At the end of the exercises

Majali presented awards to the graduates.

Ma'an youths launch cleanliness campaign

MA'AN (Petra, J.T.) - The campaign which entails removing Jordan Youth Organisation

(JYO) in the Ma'an Governorate announced Sunday that it will launch a cleanliness campaign along the desert highway in from Aqaba to Jurf Al Darawish to be carried out in the coming month. A JYO statement here said that 12 local youth clubs and six

old tyres stewn over the road, burning rubbish dumped along the sides of the road stretching 180 kilometres. It said that citizens from the

Ma'an Governorate will take part in the campaign by providing vehicles and trucks to carry away refuse, by providing financial sports clubs, as well as private contributions and by voluntary organisations will take part in the

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JEA signs agreement to establish Bailey controls firm in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) - An agreement was signed at the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Sunday, paving the way for the establishment of a Bailey Controls Company (Jordan) to take charge of systems control and services in Jordan and other parts of the Arab

cooperation with the Bailey Controls International, which will own half of the Jordanian company's capital and which will provide expertise and training, according to the provisions of an agreement for the creation of the company signed by JEA Director General Mohammad Arafeh and representatives of Bailey Con-

trols International. According to JEA officials, the said.

The firm will be created in first step in the project will be recruiting and training 25 Jordanian engineers in the first year to take charge in controlling the systems whether owned by JEA or other industrial businesses in

> The second stage will be participating in control, supervision and maintenance operations in Jordan and abroad, the officials

Services, they added, include installation, control, supervision and maintenance of systems at these industries, which include petrochemicals, oil refineries and fertilisers.

At a later stage, the officials said, there will be training for more Jordanian technicians and engineers on the company's op-erations, designing and manufacturing components used in systems control operations.

The Bailey Controls Interna-tional, they added, will be employing Jordanian engineers and technicians abroad through the Jordanian company, thus creating jobs for Jordanian technicians with good returns for the national



JEA Director General Mohammad Arafeh and a representative of Bailey Controls International

Sunday sign an agreement to establish Bailey Controls Company in Jordan (Petra photo)

JIEC extends registration deadline for permanent industrial exhibition

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) has extended a deadline for Jordanian industrial businesses wishing to take part in a permanent exhibition which was due to open at the Sahab Industrial City (SIC) during February.

A JIEC announcement said that the extension was motivated announced that the SIC has room by the huge number of applications received by Jordanian companies, but the new

exhibition, which will display national products. The Jordanian firms have now been allowed until the end of this

businesses to participate in the

tions before a decision can be

taken to open the exhibition, a Earlier this month, the JIEC, for displaying products by 350

the number of applications received so far or whether there will be an expansion of the present site to accommodate more commonth to send in their applica-

announcement did not mention

Most of the 140 industries at SIC will take part in the exhibition — displaying electrical appliances, plastic, leather and rubber products, chemical and textile goods, furniture, paper, medicine

Seminar examines steps taken for the wellbeing of senior citizens

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A seminar examining measures for the well-being of senior citizeus in Jordan Sunday reviewed a working paper on national, regional and international efforts being made to take care of the elderly

The paper, submitted by Dr. Abdullah Al Khatib, president of Department, and another pre-

Societies which organised the seminar, discussed various trends in the course of caring for the elderly and proposed ideas for application in Jordan.

by Dr. Sari Naser, head of the University of Jordan's Sociology

the General Union of Voluntary sented by Haifa Al Bashir, president of the Jordanian Women's Federation, outlining a survey conducted in Jordan on 130 cases

of elderly people. Mr. Khalil Faouri, director A second paper was presented general of the National Aid Fund, presented a paper that dealt with assistance to the needy



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Welcome and best wishes

THE STRONG sense of purpose and drive for peace reflected in Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's statements in Damascus and Amman, and his firm assertion that the U.N. Security Council has to take the lead in Middle East peace process come at the most opportune moment in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The planned meeting between Shevardnadze and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens in Cairo later this week — though described as no big deal — is yet another strong signal that Moscow does indeed intend to see it through that it leaves no door unopened in the quest for peace.

It is no coincidence that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir suddenly finds it fit to wave a red herring by announcing a shift in his declared pursuit of a-la-carte Camp David peace settlement to acceptance of a peace conference under U.S.-Soviet supervision. But Shevardnadze more than amply replied to Shamir by pointing out to the resounding focus that the new Soviet proposal is giving to the five permanent members of the Security Council as the guardians of any settlement. Furthermore, the ninemonth timeframe, which the three-phase Soviet plan outlines as the maximum duration before actually convening an international conference, is highly realistic in that the only party that needs any convincing is Israel since the Arab position is loud and clear over the inevitable fundamentals of any peace solution.

The Soviet proposal's very pointed reference to the "peace-making potential" of the U.N. and "other mutually acceptable and flexible forms of constructive action among the parties involved" should go a long way in countering Israel's contention that it would come under "pressure" at any international forum to accept "imposed solutions." What the Israeli leaders are not saying is that they have only their oppressive policies and expansionist ambitions to blame for finding themselves at the receiving end of international criticism.

The marked difference this time around is that the Soviet proposal provides and more for Israel's "genuine" security fears by calling for intense consultations among the parties concerned and asserting that the five permanent members of the Security Council would only assume the function of a preparatory body for the conference. At the same time, left vague at this point is the defined role of the permanent members of the Security Council in the international conference, as and when it is convened. But then, no-one lives under the illusion that the forum would go on an Israel-bashing spree and impose a solution that would threaten the genuine security of the Jewish state. In Shevardnadze's own words, Israel should realise that security could not be achieved by suppressing the Palestinian uprising and retaining the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon.

However, at this juncture in time, what is needed is a change in the Israeli rejection of a realistic "territorial compromise;" that is the fundamental element that should fall into place before we can hope for progress in peace efforts. Hopefully, the international community would pick up its cues from the Soviet proposal and address the overwhelming negative Israeli position, which is THE stumbling block in any drive for peace.

We welcome our dear guest, Shevardnadze, to the region and hope that the first strong Soviet diplomatic foray into the labyrinth of the Arab-Israeli conflict in years would be crowned with success.

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A VISIT to Jordan by the Soviet foreign minister offers material for commentary in the Arab dailies Sunday. Al Ra'i Arabic daily said the visit is clearly part of Moscow's current efforts to bring about peace to the Middle East. The Soviet Union realises that the Arab World is seeking to establish peace through the projected international conference to be held under the United Nations auspices and with the participation of all concerned parties including the PLO, the paper noted. It said that the Soviet moves come at a time when the Middle East is witnessing important developments in the wake of the creation of the Arab Cooperation Council and in the light of the on-going uprising in the occupied Arab territories. These events prove beyond doubt that the Arab World is oriented towards establishing a just and durable peace that can ensure the rights of all people and all countries in the region, the paper added. But it said the visit coincides also with an escalation of atrocities on the part of the Israeli authorities against the Arab people of Palestine. This is the right time to move and end the Arab-Israeli conflict, and it is hoped that Moscow which is known to be siding with the just cause of the Arab World will do all it can to help end the conflict

A columnist in Al Ra'idaily criticises the Western media for not only ignoring the creation of the Arab Cooperation Council but also for issuing false and hostile rumours and propaganda campaigns against its member states. Mahmoud Al Rimawi says that Western circles are putting around rumours and hostile impressions about the council, claiming that its members will be confronted with unsurmountable obstacles and difficulties. These media regard the council as a business firm aiming to achieve profits out of its operations and base their falsehoods on this assumption, the writer notes. He says that despite the difficulties each of the council members is facing at the moment, the situation is totally different from the Western media concept because the council has been established to launch cooperation in economic fields and help promote development and attain self sufficiency. The Western media, he adds, ignore the fact that the council members possess vast manpower and natural resources and are capable of playing a great role in the development of the whole region. To counter this onslaught, the council members are called on to launch an awareness campaign and open the way for citizens in the four Arab countries to hold an open dialogue which would contribute towards the aspired economic and socialdevelopment.

The big challenge: Education

UNESCO's regional office in Amman on the regional programme for the universalisation and renewal of primary education and the cradication of illiteracy in the Arab states by the

WITH the beginning of the next decade which heralds the start of the twenty-first century, the Arab region will begin the implementation of the regional programme for the Universalisation and Renewal of Primary Education and the Eradication of Adult Illiteracy by the year 2000 (ARA-BUPEAL) which is based on the decision of the General Conference of UNESCO in its 24th session held in Paris in 1987.

By pursuance of this decision, UNESCO is completing its plans for universalisation of primary education and eradication of illiteracy in all regions of the world. UNESCO has already provided technical assistance of member states in Latin America and the Carribean (1980), Africa (1983) and Asia and the Pacific (1986). where similar programmes are in operation now.

The justification for establishing this Arab cooperative regional programme was outlined by the two meetings of experts organised by UNESCO Regional Office for Education in the Arab

States (UNEDBAS) as follows:

— UNESCO and the Arab states are both concerned with the creation of a society that provides education for all citizens, both children and adults, the achievement of regional and national development through self-reliance and democratic participation to guarantee the efficacy and continuity of developmental efforts and the rationalisation of decision-making, as well as seeking suitable solutions to problems impeding the optimal utilisation of national resources. particularly manpower.

- Moreover, there is urgent need for the creation of an evolving Arab culture that would

the year 2000. Such an evolving education should keep pace with the knowledge explosion, enhance social cohesion and justice, consolidate Arab cultural identity, and safeguard the Arab home-land against subversive plots aimed at shattering cultural

bonds among the Arab states.

- The Arab region is anxious to develop an authentic scientific and technological base that would help find solutions to problems of socio-economic development and ensure a balanced interaction with scientific and technological advancement.

- All the foregoing considerations call for a comprehensive assessment of the present realities of primary and basic education, as well as literacy work in the Arab states, with a view to identifying positive aspects that could used to reinforce the work, detecting constraints, and finding solutions to overcome them. Such an assessment would encourage regional and national endeavours for the universalisation of primary and basic education and the eradication of illiteracy in the

Arab region by the year 2000. The Arab Nation is experiencing a crucial cultural conflict. In order for the Arab Nation to emerge successful from this conflict, it has to liberate itself from the shackles of the current crisis, which is manifested in the fol-

lowing:
- The limited capability of the Arab Nation to fully develop its resources and achieve optimal investment of these resources, particularly human resources that are expected to strike the 300 million mark by the year 2000. - The widespread poverty and

the low standards of living among the majority of the population in the region.

— The higher illiteracy rate

which reached 56 per cent in 1985 (70 per cent among females) despite the fact that the Arab states have, during the past decade, achieved notable progress.

The following is a press release from match anticipated world trends in though with varying degrees, both quantitatively and qualita-

> However, the final outcome still falls short of the objectives set forth in the Arab Literacy Strategy (1976) and the Arab Strategy for the Development of Education (1978).

Two advantages

This Regional Programme, as compared to other Arab previous efforts has two advantages: first, it seeks to link quantitative expansion to qualitative development. Second, it creates cooperative relations between Arab states and the international community, especially with those countries whose conditions are similar to those of the Arab Na-

This Programme is designed to contribute to the development of Arab educational systems at the level of literacy and primary education so as to ensure the right to education for all, enhance socio-economic development and contribute to the release of creative energies in the society, and to consolidate Arab national and regional efforts and offer technical assistance and advisory services to the Arab member states, including training of personnel and

exchange of experiences.

The political will of the member states in the region remains the main and most crucial factor in realising the objectives of this programme because the marginal handling hitherto of the issue of eradication of illiteracy has led to a situation, according to Arab experts, in which this issue is not yet a central issue in the dialogue between the state and the civic society and is not yet considered as an integral part of the official educational system. Subsequently, the eradication of illiteracy did not take its important place in the scale of priorities even though the massive numbers of illiterates form a serious weak point in the Arab body and in all economic, social and political aspects of life.

The regional programme falls within the framework of the activities of UNESCO Regional Office for Education in the Arab States (UNEDBAS). However, the volume of work required for the implementation of such a programme on the level of the whole Arab region, especially in its first years, necessitates the creation of a specialised unit within the Regional Office (UN-EDBAS) to carry out the task. The unit will be fully equipped in terms of human and material resources to be responsible for all matters concerning the management of the programme, its sup-

port and development. The implementation of the programme calls for full cooperation with all Arab states on one hand, and with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scien-tific Organisation and the Arab Organisation for Literacy and Adult Education (ALESCO/ ARLO) as well as the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS) on the other.

The activities under the proposed regional programme need special funding on both the re-gional and national levels. Potential sources for financing the programme include:

General state budgets, Donations and grants-in-

- Self-help and productive

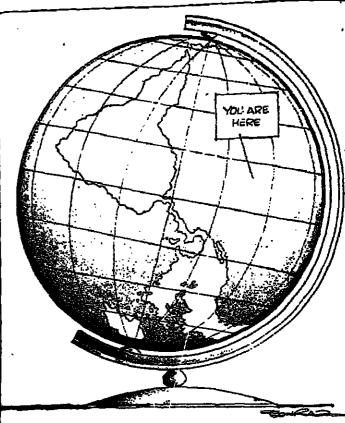
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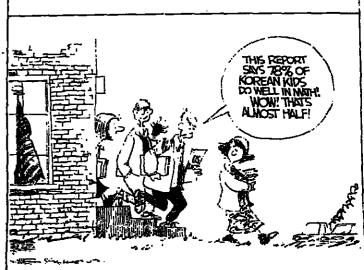
— Arab and international

The planning phase of the programme will be completed by the end of 1989. It will be followed by the implementation phase, which will continue until 1998. Finally, the final evaluation (1999-2000) will be carried out by member states themselves in collaboration with the technical unit in UNEDBAS.

This is a general profile of the big challenge that faces the Arab region on the eve of the twenty-



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King underlines big power role in peace efforts

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The King paid tribute to the Soviet Union's constructive efforts for peace, noting that Moscow had contributed posi-tively into making the international situation conducive to neace. The effects of the Soviet contribution are beginning to be felt in various international and regional conflicts, Petra quoted

The King voiced happiness with the level of Soviet-Jordanian relations and cooperation in various fields.

Shevardnadze presented the Soviet views on an international peace conference on the Middle East and the practical measures

that should be adopted to convening it, Petra said. He emphasised that the current situation the region offers new opportuni-ties for peace which should not go The meeting, which included a

dinner hosted by the King, was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the King's political adviser Adnan Abu Odeh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and the delegation accompanying Shevardnadze as well as the Soviet ambassador to Jordan, Alexander Zinchuk.

UNESCO launches drive Continued from page 1

But, to deal with the problem of illiteracy in the region, the UNESCO's 24th general conference (1987) decided to implement a regional programme for the Arab region similar to those in operation in Latin America, the Carribean, Africa, Asia and

The Arab cooperative regional programme was outlined by UN-ESCO's regional office for education in the Arab States (UN-EDBAS) and was designed to contribute to the development of Arab educational systems at the level of literacy and primary education and to consolidate Arab national and regional efforts and offer technical assistance and advisory services to Arab member states.

The programme, which targets school-age children, especially those who have not had access to education, primary school drop-outs, unemployed primary school leavers, adolescent and adult illiterates and workers who are migrants to urban areas, will give priority to the rural population, under-privileged girls and women, and the

"Action means coordination, having economic and technical cooperation and the social and political will. The media must be used to create public awareness that not all the children are going to school," Mayor said.

International and non-governmental agencies such as the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and UNICEF have joined efforts "to provide poublic pressure and

Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Hindawi and Mayor Sunday signed a memo of understanding on cooperation between Jordan and UNESCO in various fields. In the field of education the

two sides agreed that the Jordanian government will make use of UNESCO experience in accomplishing its plans and comprehensive programmes for renewing and reconstructing the educational system. The two sides agreed to train employees concerned in educational management informatics and cooperation between UNESCO and concerned national institutions to carry out the illiteracy eradication project in the Jordan Valley and supporting projects concerned with educating talented students and preschool education and supporting training activities organised by the Ministry of Higher Education and Jordanian universities.
In the field of science, the

memo centred on the support UNESCO can give in developing education technology, science curricula, providing aid for laboratories, training technicians for their maintenance, drawing the national policies and education technology and identifying the needs for manpower to serve development, building an information system and promoting communication systems with regional and international information networks.

In the field of culture, the two sides agreed that UNESCO will help Jordan's efforts to preserve culture and national heritage, and support studies on establishing libraries as well as a central library, help Jordan acquire documentation equipment, develop a system for libraries and documentation and continue supporting maintenance and restoration projects in Petra and Amra.

UNESCO will provide help to establish a central information bank for the Ministry of Information, extend technical support for a central information research unit at the Jordan Television and Broadcasting Corporation in the field of public opinion studies. UNESCO will also hold specialised seminars on television and radio equipment and technology.

In the field of information.

Mayor left Amman later

Shevardnadze and the delegation accompanying him left Amman for Cairo late Sunday.

Earlier, Rifai held a round of talks with Shevardnadze and reviewed the latest developments in the region, with the main focus on the Middle East conflict, Petra said. Both sides agreed on the need to convene an international conference attended by all parties rolved in the Aral

flict. Rifai said Shevardnadze also discussed the situation in Lebanon and means to achieve peace in the war-torn country while safeguarding its unity and independence.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Hindawi and Qasem.

Qasem also held a meeting with Shevardnadze and explained Jordan's position that peace should be achieved through implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

Qasem pointed out the congruence of the Jordanian and Soviet positions with the regard. He praised the Soviet position supporting the rights of Arabs and rejecting occupation as well as the Soviet Union's continued efforts to reach a just and comprehensive settlement of Palestinian question and a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In an arrival statement, the Soviet foreign minister lauded Jordan's role on both the Arab and international levels. "We in the Soviet Union greatly appreciates Jordan's steady political role and principles regarding the Middle East issue on the international level," Petra quoted him as "I have the honour to present

His Majesty King Hussein with a

letter from President Mikhail Gorbachev regarding the most important international issues, including, naturally, that of the Middle East and the peace process," Shevardnadze added.

He noted that the Soviet leadership attributed great importance to the Jordan visit, not only because it was the first of its kind but because of the number of issues which the Soviet Union wished to discuss in detail with the Jordanian leadership.

Shevardnadze told reporters the Soviet Union had not taken a decision to resume diplomatic relations with Israel and a planned meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens in Cairo later this week signalled no change in Soviet policy.

At a banquet hosted by Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Sharaa Friday night, Shevardnadze partly unveiled a Soviet proposal for a possible meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council, "intensifying contacts" among the five, who, "acting in contact with the parties involved in the conflict," will assume "the function of a preparatory body for the conference."

"Third... the peace-making potential of the United Nations and of its secretary general could be engaged also in other mutually acceptable and flexible forms of constructive interaction among the parties involved in the settle-Shevardnadze expanded on the

theme at a Damascus press conference before his departure for Amman Sunday saying that the five permanent members of the Security Council should take the lead in finding an acceptable for-mula for Middle East peace talks and that preparations for a peace conference should not take more than nine months.

He said he planned to discuss rising and continuing to occupy the Middle East with U.S. Secretthe West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Middle East with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker when

Baker reacted with caution to the Soviet plan unveiled by Shevardnadze, saying he did not think an early meeting of the big powers was the best way to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict

"I think there ought to be some quiet consultation done before we ever get close to that," Baker said on U.S. television Sunday. He said he understood the importance of American involvement in new Middle East talks, "but we're not sure the process is best served by a big high-level, high visibility international conference

begun too early."
According to Baker, the situation is not so bad that talks should start quickly.

In his Damascus press conference, Shevardnadze assailed Israel's rejection of calls for

He voiced hope that Israel would realise that security could not be achieved by suppressing the 14-month-old Palestinian up-

the Syrian Golan Heights and they meet in Vienna March 6 on a southern Lebanon. "Although the whole world is "get acquainted" session and "to coordinate stands on the Middle moving towards peace. Israel is moving in the opposite direction. It is ironic that whenever

Arabs take the choice of peace" Israel takes the choice of war and aggression," Shevardnadze said. Asked how Israel's opposition an international conference could be overcome, he said: "Solving the Israeli obstinacy problem is not easy. What is

required is a dialogue among the permanent members of the Securitry Council.' He said the aim of his meeting with Arens in Cairo would be to "try to see if there are any new

elements for peace in the Middle Shevardnadze praised the European Community's peace

moves, especially a visit to the region this month by the foreign ministers of Spain, France and There is a big similarity be-

tween the Soviet and European positions regarding moves for Middle East peace." he said.

King voices profound thanks

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President Manal Younes described the ACC as a "step in the right direction towards Arab integration and unity and it brings Arab citizens closer and unite their ranks."

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar welcomed the formation of the ACC and said it was in conformity with the U.N. Charter, which calls for establishment of

regional organisations and associations. In a statemen carried by Egypt's Al Ahrant daily, the U.N. chief described the objectives of the ACC #5

constructive
In London, the chairman of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding described Thursday's unit in Baghdad as a very important gathering which took the first step towards comprehensive Arab



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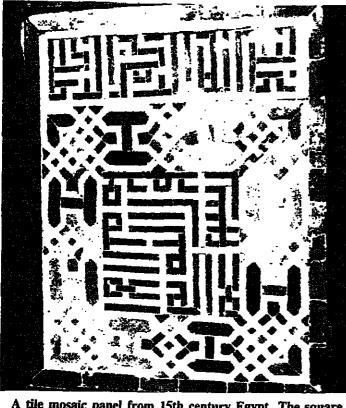
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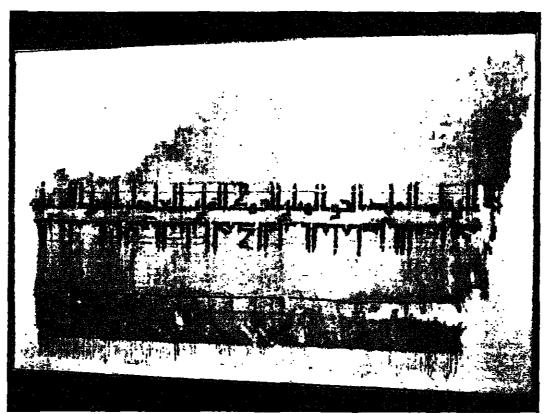
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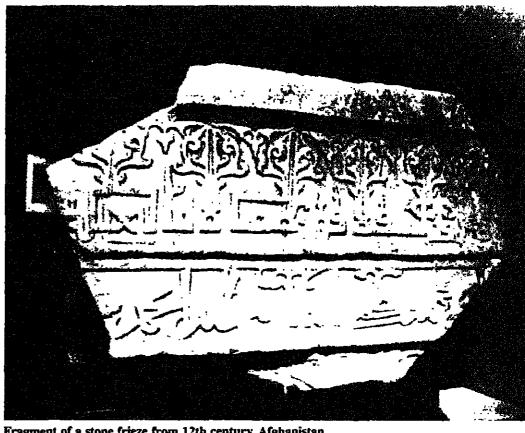
A tile mosaic panel from 15th century Egypt. The square Kufic script in darker shades contains Bismillah at the top and Shahada, the Muslim declaration of faith, at the centre.



A Tiraz fragment, silk on linen, from the mediaeval (10th century) Near East, which

carries the religious invocation right to left, then upside down and left to right.

Islamic world.



Fragment of a stone frieze from 12th century Afghanistan

The living curves of Islamic calligraphy

Calligraphy has thrived as a medium of both religious and secular expression in the Muslim world. A London exhibition brings centuries of the art together under one roof.

By Maureen Ali

LONDON - Calligraphy remains a living medium of secular and religious expression in the Muslim world and the strength of calligraphic compositions has been proven once again by a major exhibition in London.

The Zamana Gallery in South Kensington has established a reputation for exhibitions featuring arts mainly from the Islamic countries. This reputation will be further enhanced by the latest Zamana programme, Islamic Calligraphy, which will run until the end of March.

The exhibition aims to illustrate the development of calligraphy, both religious and secular,

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from its early beginnings to the present day. A special feature, however, is that most of the works have been loaned from private collections, giving the public a rare opportunity to see

fine examples of the art. The exhibition was assembled by the Museum of Art and History in Geneva where curators were able to call upon the support of prominent collectors like Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, Jean Paul Croisier and Rifaat Sheikh El-Ard, as well as others in Europe and Malaysia who have preferred to remain anonymous. The borrowed pieces worth hundreds of thousands of dollars have guaranteed a stimulating show which covers the full specvariety of media.

"We have concentrated primarily on four countries or areas to show the development and different aspects of the art," explained Claude Ritschard, curator of the Geneva museum. "These are the Arab lands, Iran, India and Turkey,"she said. "We have tried to achieve as much variety as possible in terms of styles of calligraphy and materials used."

One of the oldest and most interesting pieces on show is a portion of wooden frieze, circa 879, from the Ibn Tulun mosque in Egypt. This is one of only seven such detached pieces from the mosque and the only one in private bands.

Also from Egypt is a relatively rare fragment of poetry written in Naskh script on papyrus between the 9th and 10th century and a

trum of calligraphic styles in a Tiraz fragment, embroidered in silk on linen, from the 10th cen-

> Among the many fine examples of the Quran are two leaves from the celebrated blue vellum volume with a gold Kufic script. This distinctive dark blue manuscript was most probably written in North Africa in the 10th century and was thought to be origi-nally housed in the Qayrawan Mosque in Tunisia.

In complete contrast there are two folios from a striking pink Quran written in bold, sweeping Maghribi script and illustrated with finely illuminated symbols indicating verse and section endings. This, in turn, readily contrasts with a page from an unusual 15th century Indian Quran. This is presented on a long, narrow format in black Bihari script, characteristic of Indian Qurans of

Allah appears, it is in gold. There are both Indian and Iranian influences to be found in a 19th century Quran from Chinese Turkestan, one of a few Ouranic manuscripts that can be directly

attributable to that part of the

Included in the Turkish section are some of the finest examples of Ottoman calligraphy including two pages from a Quran dated between 1500 and 1510 and signed by the legendary Ottoman calligrapher, Sheikh Hamdullah. Having perfected and standardised the Naskh script, his work had enormous influence on the development of the art of calligraphy.

The man recognised as Sheikh Hamdullah's successor was Hafiz Uthman (1642-98). His skills are illustrated in a one-page collection of the Hadith, dated Istanthe period. It has an illuminated bul, 1671. These are written in a heading and wherever the name combination of Thulth and Naskh

scripts with gold and colour illus-

Ottoman calligraphic skills are also evident in a series of firmans [decrees] belonging to Sultans Suleiman I and Muhammed IV; in a group of works entitled Calligraphic Compositions in ink, gouache and gold, dated 1845, and in several stunningly illuminated manuscripts.

The art of illumination is also represented in a number of works from Iran, which include a double page from a manuscript from Mashhad, circa 1582, containing verses by the princely ruler ibrahim Mirza.

Among the exhibit from India is an immaculately executed album page (circa 1645) with calligraphy and painting by the well known Mughal calligrapher, Mir Ali Heravi, whose skill was much admired by the Emperor

Though the majority of the

exhibits are works on paper, the full range on show includes 12th century Afghan stone friezes, a 14th century Indian marble tombstone, a 15th century Egyptian Kufic mosaic panel and a number of striking ceramic bowls from

10th eastern Iran or Transoxiana. There is a particularly fine piece of mid-16th Iranian metalwork in the form of a delicately wrought steel plate, and a finely engraved Indian brass seal with ebony handle, dated 1651 and belonging to the Mughal emperor Shahjehan

not only highlights the great diversity in style which developed in calligraphy over the centuries, it also illustrates this through the work of several recognised mas-

Many of the pieces on show rival those found in leading museums throughout the world and have attracted enthusiastic audiences in Geneva and Dublin where the exhibition was held before arriving in London. At the end of March it will move back to Switzerland for a summer in Zurich and then on to the Nation-The exhibition is designed to al Gallery in Amman, Jordan, appeal to connoisseurs and until the end of November. - amateurs alike. The collection Academic File.

INVITATION TO BID

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has received a loan

from the World Bank (IBRD) in various currencies

Date: Feb. 20th, 89 Loan No.: 2587 - JO Bid No.: 4/W2/89

towards the cost of a Second Urban Development Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract for North Russeita (2B) Schools & Community Buildings and North Russeifa (2A) Emergency Center. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined under the "Guidelines for Procurement" of the (IBRD) who have been prequalified in October, 1988 for Third Urban Development Project Contracts. The Urban Development Department (UDD) now in-

vites sealed bids from eligible bidders for furnishing the necessary labour, materials, equipment and services for the construction and completion, of schools, Health Center, Combined Community Center and Women's Training Centre at North Russeifa (2B) Site and an Emergency Center at North Russeifa (2A) Site. The total built-up area is about (16800) sq.m.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the head of Tendering Division, and inspect the bidding documents at the offices of the UDD, UDD Marka Housing Project,

Telephone: 899361/62/63 P.O. Box: 927198 Amman - Jordan. Telex: 22249 UDD JO

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any prequalified interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of JD (250). Additional sets of documents may be purchased each at the same price.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an acceptable form of not less than (40,000) JD and must be delivered to the Director General, UDD, P.O. Box 927198 Amman - Jordan on or before 12:00 noon local time, on April 19th, 1989.

Bids will be opened in the presence of those bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:00 noon local time, on April 19th, 1989 at the offices of the UDD, UDD Marka Housing Project, Amman. Telephone: 899361/62/63 P.O. Box: 927198

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MORONI — A white mercenary in battledress stands guard on the apron as the visitor's aircraft

touches down at Moroni airport. Behind him, two black members of the presidential guard tote automatic rifles. Near the terminal building a French officer in the khaki uniform of the Comoros Islands gendarmerie chats with officials.

The political fortunes of this island nation of 450,000 people are closely tied to France, South Africa and the handful of white mercenaries who lead the personal bodyguard of President Ahmed Abdallah.

The islands, situated half way between the African mainland and the northern tip of Madagascar, were colonised by France during the 19th century and became a sleepy corner of the French empire producing spices

In 1975, three of the islands unilaterally declared independence, but the fourth island, Mayotte, which had rejected independence in a referendum a

year earlier, chose to remain Abdallah wants to pay his merce- that has ever been made in the

newly proclaimed President of Africa's diplomatic representathe Comoros, Ahmed Abdallah, tive in Moroni told Reuters. was overthrown by a civilian coup, whose leaders employed a band of mercenaries led by Frenchman Bob Denard to capture Abdallah.

But history turned full circle three years later when Denard led a mercenary invasion of Grande Comore, the main island

of the Archipelago, and restored Abdallah to power. Since then, Abdallah's 300-strong presidential guard has been commanded by white mer-

cenaries and Denard has become a powerful presidential adviser.

S. African influence

Diplomats say the 70-year-old president might now find it difficult to dispense with the mercenaries -- estimated by diplomats to be about 25 in number — even if he wished to.

South Africa's influence has grown tremendously in the Comoros over the last five years. We pay a fee to be here and if

naries with it, that is his busi-Barely three weeks later, the ness," Roger Harding, South

Harding declined to say how much South Africa pays the Comoros. The islands are a strategically important footbold for South Africa in the Indian Ocean.

South African Airways has landing rights at Moroni and this offers Pretoria a useful staging post for flights to Europe and

The showpiece of South Africa's presence here is a \$25 million hotel project.

South Africa's Sun International group has used loans guaranteed by the South African government to recondition a 25-room hotel near the capital Moroni and it is due to open a 180-room tourist complex at the northern tip of Grande Comore island later this year.

To begin with at least, the new hotel will be filled with South African holidaymakers arriving on the weekly South African Airways flight from Johannesburg.
"It is the biggest investment

Comoros," says Harding. South African tourists are a common sight on the Comoros,

and the islands are a small but growing market for South African exports.

However, South Africa's presence in the Comoros is still dwarfed by that of France. Oysters from Brittany

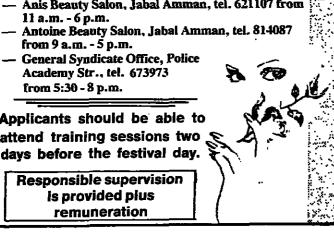
Paris provides technocrats to run the civil service, cash to meet the budget deficit, officers to train the gendarmerie and a milit-ary adviser for the president. The Comorian franc is tied to

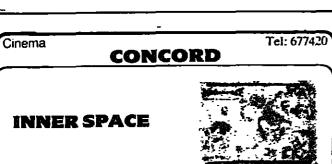
country's biggest aid donor and fresh oysters from Brittany can sometimes be found on the menu of the Ittsandra Hotel. The mercenary-led presidential guard is the country's first line of

the French franc, France is the

defence against external attack and it has also been used on a number of occasions to put down local uprisings. A concrete bunker now over-

looks Itsandra beach near the presidential palace where Denard's mercenaries landed in 1978 to reinstate Abdallah.



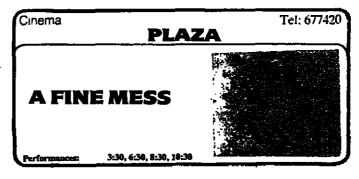


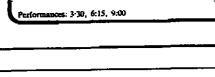
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U.S., EC form task force to resolve dispute over meat

Both Bush and European offi-

cials have expressed a desire to

defuse the trade dispute, fearing

that the battle could aggravate

tensions just at a time when the

new administration is trying to

forge closer ties with its Euro-

The current trade dispute be-

gan Jan. I when the Europeans

imposed a ban on shipments of

U.S. beef because the meat con-

tained growth hormones used to

the European action, which

affected about \$100 million in

annual meat shipments, repre-

sented an unfair trade barrier and

that there was no scientific evi-

dence that the hormones were a

In retaliation, the Americans

slapped 100 per cent tariffs on

\$100 million worth of European

products, ranging from canned

tomatoes to fruit wines and in-

stant coffee. Those tariffs are just

The weekend negotiatons were

now showing up in higher prices

held in an effort to avoid a

counter-retaliatory step

threatened by the Europeans

Monday, when the governing

body of the European Commun-

at U.S. grocery stores.

The United States charged that

fatten American cattle.

bealth threat.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and European negotiators agreed Saturday to a 75-day cooling off period in their increasingly abrasive trade war involving American beef containing growth hormones, as they intensified their search for a compromise to resolve the dispute.

Trade representative Carla tion. Hills, holding her first discussions as America's top trade negotiator, said that substantial progress had been made in the two days of talks with representatives of the 12-nation European Com-

The two sides agreed to establish a high-level task force to study the issue over the next 75 days with the goal of coming up with ways to export hormone-free American beef to Europe.

The task force will also consider an American demand that a panel of experts should be established to consider whether growth hormones constitute a health

"We made good progress in working out a procedure with respect to our differences in the hormone area," Hills told reporters after the meeting ended. "We have a high-level task force to deal with that issue, to work out the differences if at all

Frans Andriessen, the top trade negotiator for the European Community, said that he was encouraged by the talks with the new administration of President George Bush and predicted "our good will and good spirit" would guide the way to a soluity will meet to consider imposing being held to liberalise world 100 per cent tariffs on \$100 million of American exports of walnuts and dried fruit.

Andriessen said he could not speak for the European Council of Ministers but he indicated that the progress made in the talks ful in understanding the position would likely postpone the second of the new administration. round of retaliation.

Andriessen told reporters at a later briefing that the United States had indicated it would lower its \$100 million in tariffs by an amount equal to the shipments of hormone-free beef that the United States is able to make.

He said consideration would be given to doubling the quota for high-grade beef. Last year, the United States shipped \$32 million worth of such beef to Europe. Such a step would make it more profitable for U.S. ranchers to raise hormone-free beef.

Hills and Andriessen also reported progress between the two sides over the U.S. demand to end all trade-distorting farm subsidies, a position the Europeans have strongly objected to.

A U.S. official, briefing reporters on the condition that his name not be used, said that the United States offered a new proposal on the contentious farm subsidy issue. The matter, he said, was to be discussed by Hills, Andriessen, Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter and Ray MacSharry, the European Community's commissioner in charge of agriculture, during talks on

March 10 and 11 in Europe.

something is wrong with our beef," Hills said last week. "Nothing is wrong with our beef."
Nearly half of American cattle are now treated with growth hormones. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has maintained throughout the dispute that the daily production of hormones in humans, even in children, is far higher than the miniscule levels

Round, have been stalled be-

cause of American and European

differences over farm subsidies.

the get-acquainted talks as help-

European official characterised

Trade between the United

States and the European Com-

munity totalled \$165 billion last

year, making the 12-nation Com-

munity America's largest trading

Bush was sworn in last mouth.

Referring to the beef dispute in

his first address to Congress, he

said last week that the major

industrial countries needed "to

rise above fighting about beef hormones to building a better

future, to move from protection-

ism to progress."

A basis for compromise on the

beef question was put forward by Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The Texas plan would involve

isolating untreated cattle from

birth through slaughter, giving

them tests for artificial hormones

and establishing enforcement

procedures. Texas officials say

that similar programmes meeting European standards have been

proposed by Brazil and New Zea-

American officials have been

anxious to get the dispute re-

solved because the battle had

raised questions about American

"The health ban is a signal that

Jim Hightower.

left in meat from treated animals.

quotas on exports to the United States have led Japanese automakers to make the 1980s the decade of "transplanting" - producing autos in the markets in which they will be sold.

fiscal 1981 to allow the U.S. industry breathing space to recover from increasing Japanese imports. But the Japanese have responded by relocating production overseas — they have already established eight factories in North America — and have fallen short of the U.S. quota of 2.3 million cars for the last two

which has said it aims at 10 per cent of the world market, is opening two production facilities this year, in the Philippines and a joint venture with Volkswagen in West Germany.

Overseas production is ex-

Kremlin endorses economic devolution

has approved plans to give the Soviet Union's 15 constituent republics more power to make their own economic decisions, the Soviet newspaper Pravda said

The proposals, which will soon be published, were part of an austerity package aimed at curing the country's serious economic and financial ills, Pravda said in a report on a meeting of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo.
Pravda said republican govern-

ments would be able to decide for themselves how heavily they taxed cooperatives, the Kremlin's experiment in limited private enterprise. They would also be given more autonomy over en-

vironmental measures. But it said the Politburo reaffirmed earlier warnings that government spending must be cut and revenue increased in an effort to reduce the large budget deficit, estimated by some Soviet economists at 100 billion roubles (\$160 billion).

The main cuts in spending would come from reducing the financing of centralised capital investments in production, de-

fence and administration. Revenues would be increased by "raising the efficiency of production, eliminating loss-making and using more actively diverse forms of mobilising money resources in all sectors of public production.

The meeting, which was held Thursday, was attended by party and government leaders from all the republics.

Pravda said the proposals would "restructure the management of the economy and social sphere in the union republics on the basis of self-management and self-financing". But it gave few concrete details.

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the amount they produce. ones by making relatively larger

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sources at the disposal of each

republic and the final results of its

economic activities." Pravda

"New mechanisms of forming the republics' budgets are aimed at resolving this task," it said. Among other measures, the Politburo also again pledged to put more consumer goods into the shops, although it said this would come from increased domestic production, implicitly rejecting calls from some eco-

nomists for more imports. In what could indicate disagreement among the leadership, an earlier text of the meeting released by the official news agency TASS Friday said Politburo members had called to increase the share of consumer goods in imports.

But the phrase was later deleted from the text without explanation and did not appear in the Prayda version Saturday.

Researchers say reforms failing to revive farming

Meanwhile, evidence is mounting that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's economic reforms are failing in one area they desperately need to succeed: Agriculture.

Soviet and American researchers say agricultural production has stagnated as farmer and bureaucratic resistance to peresoncrete details. troika — restructuring — ob-The plan appeared to go some structs the Kremlin goal of making The stagnation is forcing Mos-

Fastest mortgage rate increase

in fifty years squeezes Britons

of living be tied more closely to to import grain and subsidise consumers, thus fuelling inflation At present, the richer republics and preventing the import of coneffectively subsidise the poorer sumer and industrial goods that could better help the economy,

they say. 'A year ago, we were not as sure as we are now that agriculture is not doing well under perestroika," said a Soviet specialist in the U.S. Agriculture Department, Ken Gray, at a Harvard University seminar on

Soviet agriculture last week. Moscow set ambitious average annual grain production targets 1986-1990 five-year plan. But production in the plan's first three years averaged only 205.5 million and is not expected to improve much.

Government subsidies of food rose to about 77 billion roubles (\$124.6 billion) last year, compared with about three billion (\$4.8 billion) during the 1970s, said Karen Brooks, a Soviet specialist with the University of Min-

The spending helped fuel a 100 billion-rouble (\$165 billion) deficit which amounts to a crippling 11 per cent of the Soviet gross national product.

A Soviet agricultural economist and adviser to Gorbachev, Vladimir Tikhonov, said the farm economy could not be improved without even more far-reaching reforms that struck at the heart of the Soviet system of collective and state-run agriculture.

At the Harvard seminar, he proposed virtually ending state management of farms and abolishing or drastically curtailing Gosagroprom, the agriculture "superministry" created by Gorbachev in 1985. Tikhonov said the government

should stop managing farms and act only as a landlord, collecting rent from individuals or cooperatives controlling the land with long-term leases. But he stopped short of recom-

tive farms or of state ownership farm land.

Tikhonov said farmers should be able to make their own planting, pricing and marketing deci-

Gorbachev sought last year to let individual farmers or small cooperatives lease land and market surplus goods privately after

filling state quotas. But the farmers still have to buy materials from the collectives and state farms, which often assert first priority for the mateof 250 to 255 million tonnes in its rials. Likewise, the state still has priority for the crops, which it

buys at fixed prices. Brooks noted that the rental programme was never formally made law, giving farmers little recourse when problems arose.

. As a result, the reforms had negligible effect. Most foods are still not available on the markets, black markets are expanding, inflation is on the rise and Gosagroprom officials are reasserting authority to allocate products and

Tikhonov said that, under his proposal, the state would have to negotiate prices. The farmer would be free to sell elsewhere and would not have to buy materials from the collectives.

But the government could still use tax and credit incentives to influence production and set upper and lower price limits. American experts welcomed

his ideas but said they were not without pitfalls. Fred Crook, a China specialist with the Agriculture Depart-

ment, said the Communist Party could continue to exert control over agriculture by controlling the granting of leases. Similar problems had slowed reform in China, he said. Marshall Goldman, director of

Harvard's Russian Research Centre, said that as long as the socialised farms existed. Soviet

Japanese automakers moving from exports to overseas expansion

booming domestic sales but continued decline in exports, Japanese automakers are introducing new models and boosting overseas production to capture more of the global market. Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Mitsu-

bishi and Mazda all saw increased sales in Japan last year - records for all but Nissan - but reported sluggish exports, largely due to the continued high value of the

Exports, which fell 3.2 per cent in 1988, are expected to continue dwindling this year, in part because of the yen's strength, which makes Japanese exports more expensive.

ports is expected to remain severe overall," Nissan President Yutaka Kume said in January. "While shipments to Europe continue to be firm, exports to the United States will encounter a more highly competitive environment due to a gradual downturn in the Amerісал есолоту."

Japanese companies produce about 29 per cent of all motor vehicles made in the world. according to statistics compiled by the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Association of America and Japan Automobile Manufacturing Association.

Half of the 12.7 million cars. trucks and buses made in Japan in

Ford leads U.S. car market in income

Ford Motor Co. has said it earned \$1.16 billion during the final three months of last year and \$5.3 billion for all of 1988, outearning much larger General Motors Corp. for the third straight year. The quarterly earnings were up 24.2 per cent from 1987's fourth

quarter. Annual earnings for the nation's no. 2 automaker rose 14.5 per cent over the \$4.63 billion Ford earned in 1987. General Motors Corp. has reported earning \$4.86 billion in 1988, and Chrysler reported that

it made \$1.05 billion last year. Ford's earnings pushed 1988 profits for the big three to \$11.21 billion, breaking the companies' combined annual earnings record of \$9.79 billion set in 1984.

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Ford's fourth-quarter earnings came on sales of \$23.91 billion. During the same period last year, Ford earned \$932 million on sales of \$20.99 billion.

For the year, earnings came to \$10.96 a share, compared with \$9.05 a share on profits of \$4.63

DETROIT, Michigan (AP) - billion in 1987. Sales for 1988 were \$92.45 billion, compared with \$79.89 billion the year before, an increase of 15.7 per cent.

Ford's fourth-quarter earnings set a company record for profits during the last three months of any year, and extended to 11 the number of three-month periods that Ford has had record quarterly profits.

The company's overseas automotive operations set an annual earnings record, contributing \$2.1 billion to the overall profit figure. Increased earnings were reported in Europe, Asia and Latin America, as Ford more than doubled its 1987 overseas

Earnings in its U.S. automotive operations last year amounted to \$2.5 billion, down 9.1 per cent from the \$2.7 billion Ford earned in the United States in 1987. The company said higher pro-

duct and marketing costs last year more than offset profits from higher car market share and

1988 were exported. In 1987, the last year for which comparative figures are available, 12.2 million motor vehicles were made in Japan, well ahead of America's

Exchange rates and continuing

The export quotas began in

Toyota, Japan's auto giant

pected to surge a formidable 82 per cent in 1989.

Five charged in counterfeit bank card plot

LOS ANGELES (R) - Five people were charged with conspiring to use counterfeit bank machine cards to steal millions of dollars from Bank of America

Federal prosecutor Robert Bonner, announcing a federal grand jury indictment, said the suspects planned to use the coun-(ATM) cards last weekend to steal as much money as possible.

"Had the scheme not been uncovered, it is likely the defendants would have succeeded in stealing many millions of dollars from Bank of America customers," he told a news conference. "I don't think there's any ques-tion these cards would work..."

Prosecutors said the mastermind of the scheme was an employee of a subsidiary of GTE Corp that processes teller machine transactions.

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Interest rates on mortgages have risen at the fastest rate in 50 years, from 9.75 per cent last Homeowners in Shrewsbury. summer to 13.5 per cent now. As a result, many of Britain's 15 million homeowners saw an enormous increase in their monthly mortgage payments and some risk losing their homes, home-

buyers' advocates say. Stephanie Manasche, a single mother in Harrow, says her monthly payments have risen from £42 (\$73.50) to £262 (\$458.50). She said she had to negotiate a temporary agreement with her lender to pay only the interest, reducing her monthly payment to £253 (\$442.37). But she says she still is having

trouble keeping up. "It makes me feel very, very frightened, obviously," she says.

The crunch also could make

Britons lose confidence in buying real estate and return to renting, undermining Thatcher's initial

LONDON (AP) - A father of duced an army of new homeow- aim of promoting home-own-

"The present government is pulling the rug out from underneath their feet," said Michael Brett, secretary-general of the National Association of John Doling, a professor at the

University of Birmingham's Department of Social Policy, warned that some homeowners pinched by the increased costs "will have to economise on food and they a profit. won't eat properly."

"Many people will be deeply depressed, deeply suffering from what has happened," he says. But lenders say defaults are more often caused by unemploy-ment and martial break-ups than by higher interest rates. They

stress their eagerness to help borrowers in difficulty with such measures as extending the term of a "As long as those people come in and let us know, there are things we can do," said Mark

Hemingway, a spokesman for the Halifax Building Society, the country's biggest mortgage lender.

The monthly payment on a new £40,000 (\$70,000) 25-year adjustable mortgage has risen to \$388.42 (\$679.74) from about £304.93 (\$535.63) last summer, the Building Societies Association said.

Most mortgages come with

fluctuating interest rates. Fixed rates are rarely offered, and 40 per cent of mortgage-holders have their monthly payment adjusted once a year. On the other, about 60 per cent, the rate can be changed at the discretion of the lenders, with little or no notice. Repayments are tax-deductible

unmarried, joint mortgage-hol-

Doling also said that "when people see prices going up rapidly they feel they have to be active in the housing market right now before it is too late."

Last June, Britain's Conservative government began raising interest rates, stalling the boom in house-buying and making it

Thatcher has promoted home ownership as part of her cam-paign to roll back socialism, allowing occupants of rented pub-lic housing to buy the property at preferential terms.

Today, 64 per cent of Britain's housing is occupant-owned, compared with 55 per cent in 1978, the Building Societies Associa-

tion. said. But now Thatcher says that battling inflation, which has jumped to an annual rate of 6.8 per cent from 3.3 per cent a year ago, is her top priority — and interest rates are her main

weapon. Brett. of the Homeowners Association, said, "we are pre-dicting a massive rise in the number of mortgage arrears and re-

possession. In 1985, when mortgage interest rates went up to 14 per cent, mortgage arrears doubled, Brett said.

Today, some 300,000 people are in arrears, he said. Last year, 25.000 families saw their homes repossessed, Brett said.
"As soon as someone falls be-

hind in mortgage payments, even if they don't get repossessed, they will get a bad reputation financially and will in fact be blighted on only the first £30,000 for life," he added. (\$52,000) of a mortgage. The Building Soci

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Argentine farmers suffer big losses

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Farmers who had hoped to cash in on the boom in world food prices caused by last year's U.S. drought have been foiled by lack of rain in their own country.

Encouraged by the boom in

prices, farmers spent record sums on tractors and other farm machinery, hoping to approach the country's 40-million-tonne record for grain and oilseed production, set six years ago. But five months of sparse rain-

fall through August frustrated plans to expand wheat, the first crip to be sown. And output of major grains and oilseeds is down 5.5 million tonnes, or 15 per cent of initial estimates of a minimum 35 million tonnes, traders and farmers have said.

hit have been soybeans and maize, where combined losses are put at around 3.6 million tonnes from early expectations around 19 million tonnes.

of lost crops at over \$1 billion.

serious, although its intensity varies from one area to another, an agriculture secretariat spokesman said. "In some places crops have survived, albeit with reduced yields. In others we are talking about a catastrophe."

Several provincial governments have declared states of agriculturai emergency qualifying farmers for special aid.

rather than throw good money

my cattle graze on soybeans in-stead of harvesting," a farmer in

"The drought is really very

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Globetrotters coming to town

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Currently in their 63rd season, the Globetrotters currently hold a world-record sports winning streak of 6,278 games. They have appeared in more than 100 countries, watched by more than one hundred million sports fans.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

The University of Oklahoma,

plagued by a series of unrelated

incidents since its football team

was slapped with a three-year

probation, has a new scandal --

the arrest of starting quarterback

Charles Thompson on suspicion

Thompson, whom coach Barry

Switzer had suspended earlier in

the day, appeared last Tuesday

for a detention hearing before U.S. magistrate Robin Cauthron

in Oklahoma City. He was

arrested Monday by agents of the

federal bureau of investigation,

after allegedly selling the drug to

The hearing was continued un-

an undercover agent.

of selling cocaine.



to appear in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Iraq and

Stars of the 1989 Trotters include the astonishing six foot nine inches Clown Prince of Basketball James "Twiggy" Sanders; trick dribbler Tyrone Brown; The Trotters are also expected three-point terror Clyde "The Quentin Jackson.

could provide evidence in support

Thompson faces up to 20 years in

prison and \$1 million in fines if he

culminated a six-month investiga-tion. Thompson allegedly sold 17 grammes of cocaine to an FBI

Price wouldn't say if any other

people were involved in the in-

vestigation. Norman police Lt.

Leonard Judy said more arrests

are expected later this week, but,

agent for \$1,400 Jan. 26.

U.S. attorney Bill Price said

Price said Thompson's arrest

of a high bail for Thompson.

College star on drugs charges

is convicted.

Glide" Austin; seven foot rebounding expert Dedrick Reffigee; the madcap Mathew Jackson; ferocious defensemen Kelvin Hildreth and Clyde Sinclair; the dynamic dunkmaster J.B. "Downtown" Brown; the Smooth Operator Sterling Forbes and the talented court magician

of the university, said today Thompson has been suspended from the university. Swank noted that the university's regents had adopted recommendations last week aimed at addressing problems in the athle-

tic programme.
We know these problems will not all be resolved immediately. but we're committed to correcting the problems that led to the recent series of events and put-

ting into place lasting solutions,' Swank said. Thompson, 20, thus becomes the fifth Oklahoma football player to be suspended since the NCAA placed the Sooners' foot-

ball team on three years' probation in December, mostly for violations on recruiting players. The Sooners' woes started in Orlando, FLA., when some players allegedly severely damaged a hotel room where they were

staying during the week leading up to the Citrus Bowl college football game against Clemson early this year.
On Jan. 13, starting cornerback
Jerry Parks allegedly wounded
teammate Zarak Peters following

an argument in the athletic dorm. Parks was suspended from the team and charged with shooting with intent to injure. He is at home in Fort Bend, Texas, awaiting his preliminary hearing.

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

When you feel uncertain, it is not the time to act. The full moon lunar

eclipse, in the variable signs of Pisces and Virgo, can lead to pur-

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spects of this full moon day can

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style brings rewards. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

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out the kinks. Talk out plans with
those affected, and avoid taking
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
You can take advantage of a new
situation. Make safety a priority.
Ignore annoying circumstances
that do not directly affect you.

MOON CHILDREN (Jane 22 to
Jul. 21) You may be called upon to
comfort someone who has an emo-

comfort someone who has an emo-tional problem. Do something ex-otic. Develop closer attachments.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Your

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He hails from Tashkent, located in the south of the Soviet Union "and not too far from Afghanistan," he pointed out with a grin. Now 23, he is pursuing a career in sports medicine and hopes to finish his studies sometime this summer.

First, however, is a career in the pole vault. He was an Olympic finalist last summer in South Korea and anticipates having a good indoor season once he makes a few adjustments.

"I have problems with the tracks over here," he explained. "In Europe they are made of rubber. In the U.S., they are made of wood. It's hard to explain ... I just have to get used to it, I guess.

"If I have some luck, I will go high."

Stella Artois tennis

Becker beats McEnroe

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Top-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany and unheralded Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union qualified for Sunday's final of the \$492,500 Stella Artois indoor tennis championships.

and Volkov surprised Eric Jelen November.

in Saturday's semifinal action. Becker, 21, began with a double fault but ended triumphantly in his match against the 30-yearold U.S. player, winning 6-2, 6-3.

The unseeded 21-year-old Soviet player won a third-set tiebreaker 9-7 to upset Jelen, a Davis Cup teammate of Becker's, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 at Milan's Palatrussardi arena.

Volkov earned his first final ever in a major tournament, featuring an unprecedented clash with Becker. A first prize of \$75,000 is at stake.

The left-handed Soviet, ranked 61st in the world, alternated fine passing shots with unforced mistakes and captured a berth in the final after spoiling six match points. He scored the qualifying

point with a fine lob. Jelen, 23, made a streak of decisive errors, including a dou-

ble fault, in the tie-breaker. Becker, who led West Germany to victory in the Davis Cup final against Sweden in December, took one hour and 34 minutes to score his fourth victory in five encounters with McEnroe, the tournament's third seed.

Becker, who had struggled against unseeded Swede Christian Betgstrom in Friday's quar-terfinals, showed improved determination and concentration against McEnroe.

His powerful serve — he fired 10 aces in the two sets - was decisive in ending McEnroe's hopes to score his fifth victory in Milan and take his first major

Becker also used precise passing shots from the baseline, win-

ning volleys and fine drop shots. As he forced his second serfaults — the first on the first serve

of the first game.

McEnroe, ranked ninth in the ·world, was off to a slow start and plunged to a 0-3 deficit, losing his serve in the second game.

Becker, ranked no. 4, moved to 5-2 and again broke McEnroe's Becker ousted John McEnroe tournament since Detroit last serve in the eighth game to win the set 6-2 in 39 minutes. The West German player wasted three break points before exploit-

ing the fourth The hot-tempered McEnroe vice, he also made eight double protested a questionable call and quarreled with the referee in the initial game of the second set.

McEnroe: bowed but not cowed

MILAN, Italy (AP) - John McEnroe said Saturday that 1989 will not be his last season on the tennis circuit.

"I think to have a couple more chances (to win Wimbledon)." the 30-year-old American player said after being beaten 6-2, 6-3 by

West German Boris Becker. McEnroe discussed his future at Milan's Palatrussardi arena following his semifinal loss in the \$492,500 Stella Artois indoor

"I did not respond as good as I needed at the beginning," McEnroe said after the match. "However he played a tremendous match, a match of great concentration... he played some great

McEnroe, the third-seeded player in the Milan tournament, said that he will play in the next Grand Prix tournaments in Lyon, France, next week and in Dallas Feb. 27- March 5.

"I have not yet made a detailed programme for the following period. For sure I want to relax and rest for some weeks before the

Davis Cup. I need to be fresh for the Davis Cup.' McEaroe will be on the U.S. team which will play France in the Davis Cup quarterfinals April 7-9.

He then plans to play the tournament in Tokyo and move to England four weeks before Wimbledon, which is scheduled June McEnroe said on his birthday here Thursday that he has

something to achieve before retiring — winning another Grand Slam tournament.

The four Grand Slam competitions are Wimbledon and the French, Australian and U.S. Opens.

McEnroe won Wimbledon three times between 1981 and 1984, the U.S. Open four times, was a finalist in the 1984 French Open and was a semifinalist in the 1983 Australian Open.

Shortly after his defeat in the singles, McEnroe teamed with Swiss Jakob Hlasek in a successful doubles match.

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BY CHARLES GOREN

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regale you with a tale that befell some of our friends on a New Year's eve some years ago. They were part of a group that met every New Year's Eve for some team bridge and had lots of time for imbibing a punch liberally laced with rum and brandy and sprinkled with nutmeg. It was well into the wee hours when this hand was dealt. No one at the table was feeling any pain and South, who picked up what he considered to be a rather good hand, was surprised to find that the bidding was at the six-level

"from what I understand, Charles Thompson is the only person involved as far as the Oklahoma athletic programme is concerned.

til Wednesday so prosecutors David Swank, interim president

North-South vulnerable. West by the time it was his turn to bid. Undaunted, he entered the fray with

West was not the sort to be pushed around, especially under the circumstances prevailing. He bid seven hearts, smartly doubled by North. But South did not feel like defending, so he pulled to seven spades, doubled by West in a fit of

West led the king of hearts, ruffed by declarer. The queen of clubs was covered by the king and taken by the ace. When East showed out, declarer ran all his trumps, and West was hopelessly squeezed in ... hearts and clubs. He had to hold the king of hearts to guard against the queen becoming a trick, so he could hang on to only one club. The lady was cleared from the table, and the jack-six of clubs took the last two

tricks. The score was 2,470 points. At the other table East bought the contract at seven diamonds doubled, and South led the queen of clubs. Dummy's king was put up and the ace was ruffed out. After two rounds of trumps, a heart to the king revealed that North had a sure trick in that suit. So, the ten of clubs was led for a ruffing finesse. Whether or not North covered, declarer would be able to set up the suit for three heart discards, since the ace of hearts was still on the board as an entry. That was 1,630 points, making a total of 4,100 points for four very happy players.

magic 20 feet record INGLEWOOD, California (AP) "I've said all along he's the next

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— Two weeks ago, Rodion Gataullin of the Soviet Union held the world indoor best in the pole vault, having cleared 19 feet, 9 inches (6.02 metres) in a meet at Gomel in his native country on

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Jan. 22. The thrill of victory lasted only a week - until fellow Soviet Sergei Bubka cleared 6.03 metres in Osaka, Japan.

"I didn't even have time to get used to having the record, Gataullin said Tuesday, speaking through an interpreter. "That's why it wasn't hard for me to lose

Gataullin feels even greater heights are in the making sometime this year, either by himself or Bubka, of whom Gataullin said, "I would not say we are

friends, we are colleagues." "I think 20 feet (6.9 metres) is possible," said Gataullin. "Bubka has been ready for a long time to make that jump, and I think it could happen for either one of

"They're the best two athletes in the pole vault out there." American Billy Olson said of the Soviets. "We call him (Gataullin) the 'mad doctor' because he studies medicine. He has all the abilities. "He's incredibly fast and tech-

Your ideas and creativity need to be

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21) Your independent mind and

curiosity can become unraveled

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)
No action is a dilemma when you feel energetic. Forcing activity and progress will lead to disagreements and rebellion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Your sentimental nature can expect the flaws in a weak person to vanish. Associate with those who

strengthen your position.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)

Cramming too many activities into one time period can cause chaos and

exhaust you. Keep to the sunny side of your nature.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

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nically he's better than Bubka.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Daytona fine-turning

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida (AP) - Racers and mechanics made final adjustments Saturday on the 42 cars that will thunder around the 2.5-mile (4-kilometre) track in Sunday's 500-mile (804-kilometre) chase for \$1.7 million. The annual running of the Daytona 500 is expected to draw a crowd of 140,000 and a television audience of millions when the cars roar past the starting line at noon (1700 GMT). Ken Schrader will takeoff from the desirable inside starting pole and Darrell Waltrip will be on the outside of the front row when the green flag signals the race start.

Swede wins gold in World Cup

ASPEN. Colorado (AP) — Sweden's Lars-Boerie Eriksson captured his first World Cup victory Saturday, edging West Germany's Markus Wasmeier by three-hundredths of a second in a men's World Cup super giant slalom. Eriksson, 22, whose best previous World Cup finish was a sixth in a downhill last season, flew down an icy course in 1 minute, 17.98 seconds. It was the first victory for a Swedish skier in a speed race in World Cup history.

Seven hospitalised in stadium crush

BARNSLEY, England (AP) - Seven people were hospitalised with injuries suffered in a crush of fans in the overcrowded grandstand of an English soccer stadium Saturday, police said. Authorities said the trouble occurred at one end of the Oakwell field, where second-division Barnsley hosted first-division Everton in a fifth-round match of England's FA Cup. Overcrowding forced the spectators to crush together and spill onto the field, forcing play to be stopped for several minutes in the first half, police said. Ambulances were called to the stadium and police police said seven fans were taken to Barnsley general hospital with undetermined injuries. Attendance was officially listed as 32,551, which is capacity for the stadium.

helped a large number of fans over safety fences. South Yorkshire

Graf advances to final against Garrison

FAIRFAX. Va., (R) — Steffi Graf had what she called an off-day but still came away with a 6-3, 6-4 win over fourth-seed Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union Saturday to reach the final of the Washington women's tennis tournament. Graf, the world number one, will face fifth-seeded American Zina Garrison in Sunday's final. Garrison advanced when unseeded Monica Seles was unable to play because of a sprained right ankle. The 15-year-old Yugoslav injured her ankle during her quarter-final upset of third-seeded Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria Friday. Graf had lost just three games in her first three matches here but struggled to find her form against Zvereva, whom she beat 6-0, 6-0 in the 1988 French Open final. "I had an off day," Graf said. "My first serve didn't work, my forehands went long. Nothing really worked for me. I knew it would be tough, but I wasn't really concentrating."

Brown downs challenger in Budapest

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) - Simon Brown knocked down Jorge Maysonet three times and stopped the Puerto Rican at 2:01 into the third round to retain his international boxing federation welterweight title Saturday in the first professional fight in a Warsaw pact country since World War II. Brown, the first professional boxer to defend a world title behind the Iron Curtain, absorbed an early flurry from the challenger before turning on the power to destroy Maysonet with a devastating

THE BETTER HALF,



"You sprinkled oat bran on my cereal, in my coffee, on my sandwich, on my toothpaste

— ENOUGH!!!" JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee USHOE (H) 0 (U)(S)(E WARLC TOCCUL ANOTHER NAME FOR THE TIME YOU (O) C(C)(U) U T SPEND GOING HOME FROM WORK. HINCUR Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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THE Daily Crossword by William Baxley



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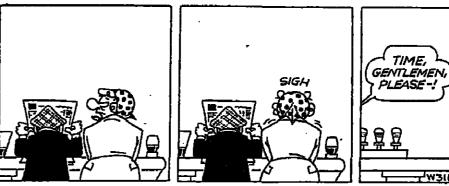
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Andy Capp



Yesterday's

week series of talks between au-

Union legalisation

So far, officials have agreed in

principle to legalise the banned

Solidarity union under terms

acceptable to it, to register the

banned farmers' group Rural

Solidarity, to allow independent

organisations their own press and

Interior Minister Czesław Kisz-

czak at the beginning of the talks

Feb. 6, none of the agreements

will be valid unless the talks as a

the opposition were first offered

by authorities during a wave of

strikes in August that under-

scored growing social tensions

caused by Poland's 60-70 per cent

inflation and market shortages.

will open the way for a concerted

attack on the economic crisis and

provide a stable atmosphere in

In the biggest sign of progress

last week, authorities agreed to

legalise Solidarity under an

amended law that would let it

begin functioning legally at once.

Existing labour law would have

required that it go through a

cumbersome process of forming

by participants in the working

group on trade unions, also gave

Solidarity full freedom to decide

its own organisational structure. Before the talks began, Soli-

darity spokesman feared the state

would try to dictate the union's

Tadeusz Mazowiecki said the

agreement reached Thursday was

Ninety-one people were killed

from a dispute between the two

Members of the Karabakh

Committee, an Armenian group

that has organised protests for

union of Nagorno-Karabakh with

Armenia, are continuing their

'agitation work", Krasnaya

It said the group circulated rumours and "extremist leaflets".

Among their "inventions" was an

allegation that the Yerevan nuc-lear power station had been dam-

aged in the devastating earth-

quake that hit part of Armenia Dec. 7, the newspaper said.

lear power station and I can say

that it was not damaged." the

correspondent wrote. After the

December tremor, Soviet offi-

cials decided to shut the plant by

next month because it is in an earthquake zone.
TASS said earlier this month that all the leaders of the banned

Karabakh Committee had been

arrested, but there has been no

word on what if any charges have

"Yesterday I visited the nuc-

Zvezda said.

But opposition negotiator

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Party leaders say agreement

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Police raid Mandela house

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Police Sunday said they found traces of blood and took fingerprints after an eight-hour search of the Soweto bome of black activist Winnie Mandela.

They also took bags of clothes belonging to her bodyguards. Police did not immediately confirm reports from spokesmen in the house that some of the bodyguards were arrested.

"We have found fingerprints and blood samples. These will be tested in our laboratory," said Brigadier General Jaap Joubert, who is heading the investigation into the death of a 14-year-old black activist who was allegedly abducted and beaten at the house before his hody, with the throat slit, was found dumped in the black township of Soweto.

Joubert, who directed the

search while Mrs. Mandela went about her daily chores, is also investigating the disappearance of two young men last seen in the company of her bodyguards in November, and the murder of a Soweto doctor who is reported to have seen the 14-year-old boy after he was beaten.

Police searched through Mrs. Mandela's belongings. but did not take any of them, said a journalist at the scene. Spokesmen at the house said

a few of the young men who stay at the house were taken away after the raid began at 4 p.m. (0200 GMT).

The Reverend Frank Chikane, general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, said at a news conference Saturday that Mrs. Mandela had decided to remove the young men from her bome,

after receiving orders from her husband, African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, last Wednesday.

Chikane said Mandela wanted the men removed from the house, "so that perceptions around the family can be cleared up." Chikane also said he would begin arrangements to move the men elsewhere.

It was not known whether he was able to carry out his plan before police began the raid. Major anti-apartheid leaders

in South Africa condemned Mandela last Thursday, accusing her of complicity in the abduction and assault of 14year-old Stompie Seipei, and saying he would be alive today if the bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Soccer Team, had not abducted him from a church residence. The leaders said that the team, a



creation of Mandela, had waged a "reign of terror" in Soweto.

The executive of the African National Congress issued a softer rebuke Saturday, saying Mandela had made mistakes and failed to listen to the counsel of black community leaders.

Officials propose partially democratic elections in Poland

WARSAW (AP) - Communist leaders proposed a the latest development in a twonew electoral system Saturday that would reserve some parliament seats for independent candidates and eventually lead to elections, opposition spokes-

"In comparison to what we competition," Onyszkiewicz said have had, this is a great step forward... it opens the road to political freedom," said Bronislaw Geremek, chairman of a group of Solidarity officials participating in talks with the government.

In the past, only partyapproved candidates were able to run for parliament.

The proposal came during the latest session between the government and a Solidarity working group on political, economic and social reforms in Poland.

Janusz Onyszkiewicz, spokesman for the banned trade union. said opposition leaders were willing to discuss with authorities the partially democratic electoral system, which also would reserve a portion of seats for candidates backed by the Communist Party.

Janusz Reykowski, a politburo member who led the official side in Saturday's talks, called the proposal "a very important, radical change in comparison with all other election systems after the war. We treat this is as a step to additional changes in the future.

Solidarity officials said the proposal appeared acceptable if other reforms were included, such as allowing access to the news media, insuring independent courts and guaranteeing the right to form associations.

We would like the elections to be as open as possible, so that for example Solidarity candidates could compete with government candidates, but it seems that the government wants to avoid such

in revealing the government's proposal at a news conference.

The authorities expect our approval of an electoral procedure proposed for the nearest elections that will not be 100 per cent democratic. And we did accept this principle," he said.

Jacek Kuron, a senior Solidarity adviser, said the opposition also was told that the proposed election procedure would be a one-time proposition, and that subsequent elections would be totally democratic.

But he cautioned, "a declaration as such has no significance. What is significant is (increasing) the broad democratic process through other political reforms.

Under the government proposal, each election district would have two to five seats, and the opposition and authorities would decide in advance which seats could be contested among independent candidates and which would be reserved for officially backed candidates.

Party sources have said privately they envision a system where 60 per cent of the seats would be reserved for the party and its allies, and 40 per cent for independent candidates linked to the Roman Catholic church or Soli-

Anyone who collected 5,000 signatures could run for parliament, but both sides would observe a "gentleman's agreement" not to run in each other's districts, a high-ranking party source said.

The government proposal was "as Solidarity demanded."

Residents fed up with fame

CARMEL, California (AP) -Fed up with fame and overdosed on tourists after the tenure of Mayor Clint Eastwood, some residents tried to stop Henry Winkler and Tom Hanks from making a Walt Disney film in this coastal village. The showdown came Tuesday night when the city council granted the Disney company a permit to film outdoor scenes of the action comedy "Turner and Hooch" on five days in April. The film stars Hanks, Mare Winningham and a big dog named Beasley. Winkler will direct. Neither Winkler nor Hanks appeared at the meeting. Instead, location manager Eric Johnson and production manager Michele Ader fielded questions from neighbourhood associa-

Judge warns

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) - A judge has warned

KULA LUMPUR (AP) — A

Reynolds' buys TVs for inmates

LANTANA, Florida (AP) -Burt Reynolds new television series will have a captive audience for its debut when the inmates at Lantana Correctional Institution view it on five new colour television sets provided by the star. Reynolds' production company, Blue Period Incorporated, provided \$1,500 for the sets to make up for inmates' inconvenience during three days of filming of the detective series "B.L. Stryker" at the prison in late January. "It was a gesture on their part," prison superintendent Ray Henderson said. "We did not require it. They wanted to do something that would impact the most, since the inmates were inconvenienced." During the filming, the prison's 40 inmates were confined to one end of the prison and barred from using their outdoor recreation yard. Henderson said. The new sets will replace the prison's present

Director helps

LONDON (R) — Michael Winner, the British director of the "death wish" vigilante films, said last week he had stepped in to help New York's Guardian Angels in their campaign against crime on London's underground. Winner said he met the Angels leader, Curtis Sliwa, on a television talk show and decided to give him £1,000 (\$1,750) to help fund his activities. "I see po reason why citizens should not protect each other." Winner told a Reuters. "We don't have enough police." He said the Guardian Angels had the support of the British public and the authorities had overreacted. had overreacted. When the were detained for six hours police and the authorities they do not want self-appointed law enforcers patrolling

French, Arabs demonstrate for Rushdie

author whose death was ordered by Iranian leader Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini last week.

The writers and political activists who protested outside the Chaillot palace called Khomeini's words a "terrorist act."

book, "the Satanic Verses," defames their religion.

know in the Third World ... a world of changing values.'

Meanwhile Rushdie remained in ance demanded for a reprieve. hiding Sunday after Tehran sent confusing signals on whether his apology for distressing Muslims had earned him a reprieve from a death order.

The author issued the statement from a secret address Saturday after Khomeini said his novel was blasphemous and demanded his death.

"I profoundly regret the distress that publication has occasioned to sincere followers of Islam."

Rushdie said after consulting publishers Viking Pen-

The official Iranian news agency IRNA, within hours of receiving the statement, said the apology fell short of the public repent-

A second IRNA report said it was sufficient for a pardon but this was later redefined as an expression of a journalist's personal opinion. There was no additional com-

ment from Tehran, where Iranian President Ali Khamenei appeared to be trying to calm Western outrage Friday when he said Rushdie might be pardoned he repented. Britain's Foreign Office said it

planned to ask Tehran to explain the signals to its Charge d'Affaires Nick Browne, one of three diplomats at the recently reopened embassy there.

The government also froze plans to increase its representa-

tion in Tehran, just three months after the countries agreed to restore full diplomatic ties after a year-long rift. The 41-year-old author and his

ing since Tuesday. He has denied blaspheming Islam. The book has outraged traditionalist Muslims but Britain's estimated 1.5 million Muslims

American wife have been in hid-

were divided in their reaction to the apology. The Islamic Society for the Promotion of Islamic Tolerance proposed a three-point peace plan suggesting that an erratum be included in future publications to warn readers that the book should not be regarded as a fac-

tual work on Islam.

Seoul tightens grip amid Roh criticism

SEOUL (R) — With mounting criticism over South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo's leadership. to crack down on street demonanniversary of his inauguration

A police spokesman said Sunday that riot police hauled in a total of 714 protesters overnight, carrying out a new policy to block troubles "from the source."

The new police tactics coincide with a flood of criticism by political commentators that Roh's year in power has seen little progress in resolving basic problems caused by his strongman predecessor Chun Doo Hwan.

government and to infuse a laissez-faire mood in its operations has combined to create the image of a weak government," said Kim Myong-Sik, a political editor at

multiplied, and much of the blame goes to the chief executive for lacking wit and gut," Kim

lems were a result of the moral weakness of the ruling camp.

Yu said Roh failed to win moral support by refusing to throw out senior officials of the past era

Commentators also note Roh

brutal army crushing of a 1980 civil uprising in the southern city of Kwangju, which claimed 200

Roh, who promised to hold a vote of confidence after the 1988 Seoul Olympics, has taken a more tolerant line than Chun on demonstrations but was furious last Monday when police allowed a farmers' protest outside parliament to turn violent.

Some 120 police and demonstrators were injured when more than 10,000 farmers and dissidents battled riot police after a rally against the government's

On Saturday, authorities tions in late 1987, of failing to mobilised 13,000 policemen to keep his campaign promise to

10-day "civil struggle" against a brief visit by U.S. President Bush Feb. 27.

The same number of police stood vigil again Sunday in the streets of Seoul although police said most of 714 arrested for defying orders to disperse would be released later Sunday.

The protests were called by a newly-formed dissident alliance which said Bush's visit, two days after the first anniversary of Roh's inauguration, would strengthen the Seoul leader's

. The radicals accuse Roh, who came to power after a free elecfailed to end controversy over the foil a dissident plan to launch a expose past abuses of power.



NEW DELHI (R) — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has recalled his mother's most powerful aide to the cabinet to help stem a party rebellion ahead of general elections due before the

to play the role of chief of staff... to advise the prime minister on how the old guard and the younger generation should be managed because of his long years with Indira Gandhi," said Pran Chopra of New Delhi's indepen-

a shrewd adviser on political trends in India and intrigues within the party.

Congress members of parlia-ments in the northern states of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. The rebels have refused in recent weeks to accept Gandhi's

two states, which together with Uttar Pradesh form a key region which Gandhi must win in a general election to retain power. The revolt flared at the same time as the party went down to a humiliating defeat in Tamil Nadu

state elections. Gandhi was forced to reinstate Dhawan to control the old guard

Dhawan's comeback will probably be followed by reinstatement of several senior party members who were replaced by younger leaders after Gandhi became prime minister, party sources

Armenians leaving Azerbaijan — paper MOSCOW (R) - Armenians are it as of Nov. 22. But it said

still leaving their homes in Azer- recently 43,800 Armenians and baijan as ethnic tension persists in 4,100 Azeris had returned home. the two Soviet republics, the military newspaper Krasnaya last year in clashes stemming Zvezda reported Sunday. By last week, 166,000 refugees

republics over control of the had arrived in Armenia from territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. The region is in Azerbaijan but Azerbaijan, the newspaper said. It said there were also many three-quarters of its population tions in the Yerevan, and other Armenian cities where Soviet troops were sent last year as tensions exploded into violence, while Armenian dissidents were con-tinuing "hidden agitation."

"On the whole the situation in the capital and other districts of Armenia is normal. But one cannot but note that every day there are reports from district military commanders of violations of the established order," the newspap-

On Friday alone, 82 people were detained for such violations, Krasnaya Zvezda said. "All this indicates that below the calm surface, tension continues."

The article appeared to contradict a report by the Soviet news agency TASS earlier this month that refugees from both republics had started to return to their homes as the situation calmed

The Feb. 7 TASS account said 158,000 Armenians and 141,000 Azerbaijanis had fled their homes

to escape violence or the threat of been filed against them. **Bush's first journey** high on symbolism

WASHINGTON (AP) - Veter- attend the funeral amid criticism an globe-trotter George Bush sets out Wednesday on his first overseas journey as president, a fast-paced trip to three Asian nations anxious about the United States budget problems and its military commitments abroad.
Over five and a-half days.
Bush will travel to Japan, China.

South Korea and back home again. More than 36 hours of his time will be spent on air force one flying from place to place.
Playing down expectations.
White House officials said the

trip offers an opportunity to demonstrate resolve and affinity with friends and the region. "It would be unreasonable to expect major resolution of policy issues four weeks into the administration," one official said.

"Symbolically it's important," said Robert A. Scalapino, director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California at Berkeley. "There's no region in the world in which we have greater economic, political and strategic interests.

The trip originated with Bush's decision to attend the funeral Friday of Japanese Emperor Hirohito, which will attract scores of world leaders. The president Japan and South Korea have with has defended his decision to the United States.

from those who still resent Hirohito's role in World War II. "I'm doing what's right," the president said recently.

Bush, a former navy aviator whose plane was shot down by the Japanese in the Pacific in 1944, said, "We have a good relationship with Japan. I want to see it even better. And this doesn't concern me a bit. And you're talking to a person who was in combat in World War II. I feel you look ahead, not always look back. You do what's right."

Taking advantage of the occa-sion, Bush will hold separate talks in Tokyo with 16 to 20 heads of state or government, including King Hussein, French President Francois Mitterrand, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and Philippine President Corazon

Bush's trip comes at a time of concern in Asia that budget and trade deficits could prompt the United States to scale down its defence commitments or to demand that allies shoulder a bigger share of regional security costs. In particular, there are tensions over the big trade imbalances that

PARIS (R) — About 100 French and Arab intellectuals demonstrated in Paris Sunday in support of Salman Rushdie, the British

Muslims have complained that Indian-born Rushdie's latest

"I was not at all shocked by the book," exiled Iranian writer Packdaman Nasser said. "The world he describes is a world we

formidable police forces are out strations in the run-up to the

"Spontaneous efforts to remove authoritarian tints from the the Korea Times. "The republic's problems have

Columnist Yu Kun-II of the influential Chosun Ilbo newspaper said continuing political prob-

from his government.

lives by official count.

farm policies.

position.

Gandhi **battles** party revolt

Political analysts believe the appointment of R.K. Dhawan as an officer on special duty in the cabinet secretariat heralds sweeping changes in the government and Gandhi's Congress Party. "Dhawan is admirably suited

dent centre for policy research. Chopia said the late Indira Gandhi had regarded Dhawan as

These were qualities her son found lacking in his own advisers when faced with a revolt by many

nominees as chief ministers of the

before the situation became unmanageable, political analysts

woman about heels

Berenice Rogers to slip out of her high heels before strolling around her apartment. Palm Beach County circuit Judge Richard Burk said Tuesday that if Rogers persists in annoying her downstairs neighbours with her noisy footsteps, she could be pacing inside a jail cell. Bernard and Sonja Arbuse, who live directly below Rogers at the Sun and Surf Condominium, said the problem began in 1984 when Rogers had Italian tile laid in her \$235,000 condominium. The couple's attorney, Charles Nugent, requested Burk to order Rogers to install carpeting. Rogers said she laid oriental and sheepskin rugs and removes her heels at the front door, but she does not want carpet. "I don't believe Mrs. Rogers is required to give up her right to decorate," the judge said. 'And I don't believe I can require her to stop walking.

Thief strips

man robbed a woman of a gold chain, a bangle, a piece of jade and cash but eventually left most of it behind and flung off all his clothes while people chased him, it was reported last week. Chong Yuk Yin, 54, was starting her car near a supermarket in Kota Kinabalu, 2,286 kilometres east of the Malaysian capital, when the man robbed her of the valuables and the national news agency Bernama quoted local police superintendent Abdul Rauf as saying. Chong screamed for help and the man fled, pursued by several people who were passing by. As he ran, the man undreessed himself completely, casting off all the clothes and valuables except the bangles, and disappeared, the agency reported.

ones, which "are on their last legs," Henderson said.

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